



Red Door

FAMILY SHELTER

Family Sponsorship
And Holiday Giving
Program

**DONOR
GUIDE**

To register for our holiday program please visit:

www.reddoorshelter.ca/holiday-sponsorship

About the Red Door Family Shelter

The Red Door Family Shelter is a registered charity that provides 24-hour safe and supportive emergency housing and outreach support to over 500 families a year experiencing an episode of homelessness or domestic abuse. On any given day, we provide support to over 50 families, roughly 150 individuals, of which 60% are children

When a family comes to the Red Door, a number of critical support services are provided that are designed to help end their episode with homelessness. We have been on the front lines of delivering support for over 25 years and are successful in helping over 90% of the families who come to us establish stable lives outside of the shelter.



Red Door's Family Sponsorship and Holiday Giving Program

Despite their successes, families rely on the Red Door for support during difficult times. This is no more evident than during the holiday season when parents look to share in the joys of a home cooked meal or providing gifts for their children, but face the reality of making ends meet.

Every year, the Red Door Family Shelter promotes holiday giving opportunities to individuals within the community in support of our families. Through our Family Sponsorship and Holiday Giving Program, individuals, groups, or businesses can sponsor a family, or provide an assortment of gifts for families within the shelter or for those who have recently returned to the community.

The Red Door recognizes that not all our families have been raised celebrating Christmas. That is why our program is titled Family Sponsorship and Holiday Giving. Some of our clients will observe Christmas holidays for their children but will also celebrate other significant holidays (e.g. Hanukkah, Islamic New Year, Kwanza). Your contributions will help the Red Door develop packages that are both culturally specific and cater to the needs of our families.



How you can help

There are four ways you can support a Red Door Family this holiday season:

1. Sponsoring a family through a financial sponsorship.
2. Selecting one of our Gifts to Empower Packages in support of shelter families.
3. Sponsoring a family by creating a family holiday package.
4. Donating physical inkind gifts to be distributed amongst all families in need.



Family Sponsorship and Holiday Giving Options

I. Sponsoring a family through a financial sponsorship

With your financial contribution, you can support families of various sizes:

Size of Family	Amount of sponsorship
Family of Six	\$600.00
Family of Five	\$500.00
Family of Four	\$400.00
Family of Three	\$300.00
Family of Two	\$200.00
Single Woman	\$150.00

Each financial donation will be used to create a package containing food vouchers and gift cards, gifts for children and teens, new clothing and household items as well as non-perishable food.

Financial donations can be made through our website or over the phone. Please note your desire for financial sponsorship of a family.

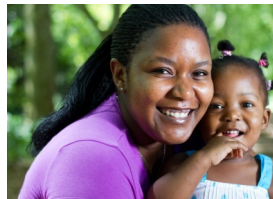
2. Gifts to Empower

You can empower a family by providing them with some of the essential items and services we offer to help them through their episode of homelessness and gain control of their lives. Here are some examples of packages that you can choose from:



School Lunch for a Month

Send a child to school with a healthy lunch



Personal Care Package

Provide comfort with the necessities of life needed within a shelter .

Make your gift online www.reddoorshelter.ca/gifts-to-empower

3. Sponsoring a family by creating family holiday packages

The Red Door has identified families that require additional support during the holiday season.

Interested sponsors will be given a family profile and wish list from which they can build a package for a specific Red Door family. When the package is complete, sponsors can then drop off their family gift packages at the Red Door Family Shelter, where we will deliver the presents directly to the sponsored family.

Sponsors can supplement their package from our list of High Priority Needs as desired (**see next page**).

4. Donating physical inkind gifts

Individuals, companies or groups can donate physical items to the shelter which will be collected and distributed amongst all our families. The following items are part of our high priority needs list and have been identified by the shelter as gifts that will empower our families throughout the new year:

- **Physical items:**

- ◇ **New** Age Appropriate Toys for Children- boys and girls (newborn to 12yrs).
- ◇ **New** Age Appropriate Gifts for Teens- boys and girls (ages 12 to 18yrs).
- ◇ **New** Clothing and Household Items
 - ◆ Clothing Items — socks, underwear, winter coats and sweaters, boots, and gloves for all ages and genders
 - ◆ Household items—bed sets, blankets, sheets, towels, kitchen appliances, cutlery, and plates.
- ◇ **New** Small appliances for the home (microwaves, blenders, toasters and other small appliances)
- ◇ Food Drives and contributions of Non-perishable food items

Frequently Asked Questions

1) Are there any items I should avoid donating?

- **Please avoid gifts that may be deemed as violent** as many of our families are survivors of war (e.g. War toys, replica guns) .
- **Please avoid donating used items** at this time of the year. We will begin accepting used items as of **January 24th, 2013**.

2) Are tax receipts available for donations?

- Tax Receipts are provided for financial contributions and can be provided for physical donations but this option must be arranged in advance. Please contact us for further details.

3) What is the latest date that I can register and drop off gifts?

- In order to accommodate our families, we ask that you consider the following dates:



Family Sponsorship Registration Date: **Friday, December 7th, 2012**

Last day for drop off of gifts or packages: **Monday December 17th, 2012.**

Drop off Location:

Red Door Family Shelter—Administrative Office
21 Carlaw Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M4M 2R6

Drop off hours:

9:00am—6:00pm

Extended hours will be available closer to our drop off dates.

To participate in our Holiday Program, please register at:
www.reddoorshelter.ca/holiday-sponsorship

For additional information or questions please contact:

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Thank you for thinking of our families this holiday season!

YES! I want to be a family sponsor and help make the holidays special for families in need.

Financial Sponsorship Options

- I would like to make a one time donation of:
- \$600 - to sponsor a family of six
 - \$500 - to sponsor a family of five
 - \$400 - to sponsor a family of four
 - \$300 - to sponsor a family of three
 - \$200 - to sponsor a family of two
 - \$150 - to sponsor a single woman
 - _____ - to purchase additional sponsorship items for families in need

Please charge my: Visa Mastercard

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____.

Signature: _____.

OR

- Please find my cheque, made out to the Red Door Family Shelter, enclosed.

Contact Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

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Please note that only donations of \$20 or greater will receive a charitable tax receipt

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