



As the holiday season approaches, help bring the magic of the holidays to our students and families experiencing homelessness.

GUIDELINES FOR SPONSORS

1. HOW ARE THE FAMILIES SELECTED?

LAUSD school counselors and homeless liaisons refer families who are currently experiencing homelessness for sponsorship.

2. WHAT COMMITMENT IS REQUIRED FROM THE SPONSORS?

This year, all Sponsor-a-Family gifts will be in the form of gift cards. Sponsors will be able to select a gift card package according to the number of family members. We suggest a \$75 minimum contribution per individual in a family. **Once matched, you will receive a Family Wish List with specific gift cards that match the family's current needs.** Due to food insecurity faced by many families, please include at least one food/grocery gift card for the family.



Candy Cane Lane Package - Unaccompanied youth



Let it Snow Package - Family size 2-3



Gingerbread Package - Family size 4-5



Winter Wonderland Package - Family size 6-7



Frosty and Friends Package - Family size 8+



Jingle Bells – Gift cards of any amount

Please note, e-gift cards are strongly preferred; however we will gladly accept physical gift cards for students and families. After sponsors make package selections, the family's story with their gift card wish list will be provided. We are asking sponsors to please submit gift cards by the following methods prior to **Wednesday December 8, 2020** to ensure timely delivery for the holidays.

Sponsors may:

1. Email the e-gift cards to homelesseducation@lausd.net , or
2. Drop-off the gift cards to the Homeless Education Office.

If physical gift cards are purchased rather than e-gift cards, arrangements can be made with the Homeless Education Office for a drop-off. We will be having designated days, including select Saturdays, when sponsors can participate in a "drive-by day" to drop-off gift cards.

3. WHEN PURCHASING AN E-GIFT CARD, WHOM SHOULD IT BE MADE OUT TO?

For all e-gift card purchases, please use homelesseducation@lausd.net as the recipient's email address. If it is required to include a recipient's name to purchase the gift card, please indicate "HEO" and your **SPONSOR CODE** (you will receive this in a follow up email).

4. IS THERE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FUTURE INVOLVEMENT?

YES! Our Homeless Education Office identifies and supports students experiencing homelessness year-round. We have various projects and initiatives including Sponsor-a-Graduate and scholarship opportunities. We also gladly accept monetary donations that will go towards much needed items for students. For additional information, please contact the LAUSD Homeless Education Office at (213) 202-7581.