

St. Francois County Community Partnership

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Season of Hope 2020 Sponsor Response Form



Seasons Greetings!

Since 1999 Caring Communities has coordinated a community-wide effort to provide holiday gifts for the children of families who live in poverty. As you know, this year has seen unprecedented challenges and that has affected every aspect of our lives. Season of Hope is not exempt from experiencing a unique challenge this year as well, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Because of this, we must think outside the box to aid the families that so desperately need your help at this time of year. You can share in helping to meet the needs of children in St. Francois County by participating in Season of Hope. Here's how you can help:

- **Your family, organization, group, business, or church can sponsor a family from the community.** Determine the number of children you are able to help and return the commitment form below. On or before **November 4th** we will begin sending information to sponsors about the family with whom they have been matched; specifically the children's ages and preferred gift card. We have asked families to make their gift card requests to be generalized, such as Wal-Mart or JC Penney or a Visa or Mastercard Gift Card. We simply ask that you do what you can to fulfill the children's wishes. **We ask that the cards are turned in to Season of Hope no later than Monday, Dec. 7th.**
- **You may purchase and donate GIFT CARDS.** If possible, \$25 increments are preferred, but no gift is too small!
- **You may send a cash or check donation to be used to sponsor a child/family.** Involve everyone in your organization or business by creating an opportunity for them to contribute. You may make the donation in memory or honor of someone.
- **You may make a donation with a debit or credit card via Pay Pal** by simply going to our website: www.sfccp.org or to www.PayPal.Me/SeasonOfHopeSFCCP

We would love to be able to pair each family with a sponsor to better meet the requests of families and expedite the entire process. We appreciate your assistance in helping all families in St. Francois County experience a joyous holiday season. Warmest wishes for happy holidays.

- St. Francois County Community Partnership

P.S. If you'd like a tax-deductible receipt for your purchases, simply provide us w/:

1. A copy of your sales receipt when you deliver your gift cards
2. The family ID code for your gifts and
3. The name and address you'd like it mailed to.

IMPORTANT NOTE:
PLEASE NOTATE THE AMOUNT EACH
GIFT CARD IS WORTH ON THE
INDIVIDUAL GIFT CARD.

2020 Season of Hope Commitment Form

_____ I (we) would like to make a commitment to sponsor a child or family through Season of Hope!

➔ Please indicate the maximum number of children you are able to sponsor: _____
(The goal is to provide each child with a gift card(s) worth \$75. If you have more than \$75 to spend, please consider sponsoring more than one child.)

OR

_____ I (we) plan to collect and/or purchase gift card(s) to be delivered to the Partnership **by December 7th** to be used to fulfill children's wishes.

_____ Enclosed please find a **TAX DEDUCTIBLE** cash donation to be used to sponsor a child/children.
Checks should be made out to "St. Francois County Community Partnership."



Sponsor(s) Name: _____ **FAX:** _____
Organization/Business/Church/Group/Individual

Address: _____ **City** _____ **Zip** _____

Contact Person: _____ **Phone:** _____ **Alt. Phone:** _____

The Best Way to Contact You (please check one): ___ Phone ___ E-Mail ___ Fax

E-mail address: _____

Please return to St. Francois County Community Partnership ASAP. Thank You!
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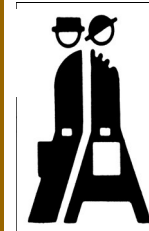
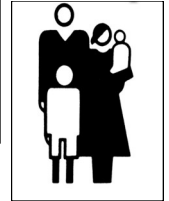
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO COPY THIS FORM AND SHARE IT WITH FRIENDS!

Are You Ready to Make A Difference?

Today, 39.7 million Americans live in poverty, making hard choices between food, health care, heat and rent. Of those in poverty, 1 of every 5 are children. In Missouri 19.2% of all children live in poverty. **In St. Francois County 21% of all children live in poverty.**

Make a donation in memory or honor of someone, today!

261,000
Missouri children live in families with income **below** the poverty line.



In Missouri 13.2% of the population live in poverty. **In St. Francois County, 2,689 children live in poverty.**

Season of Hope 2020 Why Get Involved?



"My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?" - Bob Hope

"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love." - Hamilton Wright Mabie

As you can understand by the numbers listed above, families who live in poverty daily confront the anxiety and stress of their socio-economic status. That stress is intensified during the holiday season, a time when parents desperately want to provide for their children. Children who do not have their basic needs met with adequate clothing, school supplies, and good nutrition statistically are not as successful in school as those children of families with adequate income.

In contrast, the holiday season fosters a sense of community and many citizens feel the desire to make a contribution to their neighbors in the community. The Partnership seeks to channel this desire into help that is meaningful for children and families. We have the opportunity to provide some relief from the constant worry and raise the self-esteem of a child through the simple delight of receiving a gift.

"We greatly appreciate your services. Words can't describe how happy my daughter will be for Christmas. This is the first year out of five years that she will have a good Christmas. I can't thank you guys enough." - Season of Hope Family Served

"Thank you very much for helping our family again this year. Your help was greatly needed and appreciated." - Season of Hope Family Served

*Adding Value,
Bringing Hope*

Season of Hope Facts:

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Families Served	208	365	373	403	509	560	682	612	570	705	629	575	485	477	540	472	556	536	532	591	470
Children Served	755	923	970	1,078	1,272	1,395	1,685	1,512	1,412	1,673	1,597	1,454	1,264	1,385	1,419	1,358	1,356	1,305	1,304	1,554	1,292