



St. Francois County Community Partnership

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Season of Hope 2021 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 once again, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Because of this, we continue to think outside the box to aid the families that so desperately need your help during 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 3rd** 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. This year, we have asked families to make their gift card requests to be limited to these three options: Wal-Mart, Amazon, and Visa/Mastercard. 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. 6th.**
- **You may purchase and donate GIFT CARDS.** If possible, \$25 increments are preferred, but no gift is too small! (**NOTE: We are now able to purchase Wal-Mart gift cards in bulk that have a restriction on them that prohibits them from being used to purchase alcohol, tobacco, firearms, or lottery tickets. If you are interested in this option, we can purchase them for you as long as we have advance notice due to shipping.**)
- **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 appreciate your assistance in helping these families in St. Francois County experience a joyous holiday season. Warmest wishes for happy holidays.

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 NOTES:

- PLEASE **CLEARLY NOTATE** THE AMOUNT EACH GIFT CARD IS WORTH ON EACH GIFT CARD. That helps us so much!!!
- On Walmart.com you can purchase an 'ATF Gift Card' that cannot be used to purchase alcohol, firearms, tobacco or lottery tickets.

2021 Season of Hope Sponsorship 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 6th.**

_____ 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: _____
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

E-mail address: _____

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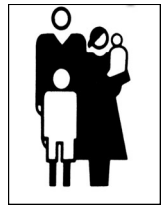
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO COPY THIS FORM AND SHARE IT WITH FRIENDS!

Are You Ready to Make A Difference?

Today, 37.2 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 21% of all children live in poverty. **In St. Francois County 19.8% of all children live in poverty.**

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

252,071
Missouri children live in families with income **below** the poverty line.



In Missouri 13.7% of the population live in poverty. **In St. Francois County, 2,579 children live in poverty.**

Season of Hope 2021 Why Get Involved?

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.



"The true Christmas spirit is putting others' happiness before our own, and finding you've never known such happiness." - Toni Sorenson

"The only real blind person at Christmas-time is he who has not Christmas in his heart." - Helen Keller

"Christmas, my child, is love in action." - Dale Evans

"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

*Adding Value,
Bringing Hope*

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

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	2020
Families Served	208	365	373	403	509	560	682	612	570	705	629	575	485	477	540	472	556	536	532	591	470	384
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	1,061