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Guidelines for Giving '2011'

These Guidelines for Giving are provided as suggestions only. Please keep in mind that our Sponsors range from large corporations to individual families struggling themselves to provide a Christmas for their own children. If you or your group is able to provide substantially for one family, please consider sponsoring additional families or a large family so the level of giving is sufficient for all of our clients.

- The Wish List is just a guide; you are not obligated to purchase the items listed. The family will appreciate anything you give to help make their holiday special.
- Use the information and sizes provided on the Client Report.
- Use your discretion about questions concerning gift items.
- Complete the Donor Card before you arrive at the Distribution Site.
- Label all bags and boxes with the Family Number.
- A gift for the parents is optional and should be something the whole family can enjoy.
- Don't wrap the children's presents. Parents need to see what their children are receiving.
- Drop off gifts on the designated dates.
- Go green - Use paper lawn bags for packaging the gifts.
- Provide helmets with riding toys of any kind.
- Try to limit spending per child to the \$50-75 estimation or less.
- Gift Cards should be no more than \$25 each for teens, groceries, or parent's gift.
- Children love bicycles, but these can be expensive for older children, feel free to substitute something else within your budget.
- Give gift cards to grocery stores and not actual food items.
- Select dolls or toys that match the family's ethnicity. (Example: An African American doll would be a nice gift for an African American child, etc...)
- Computer games or MP3 players are not good gifts because they require a computer and a subscription service. Video games that plug into the TV or handheld electronic games are better.
- ***The family letter may include requested items for individuals not listed on your Client Report. Please disregard those requests and use only the Client Report as your guide.***