

CHRISTMAS BEYOND THE TOYS



Help us meet basic needs this holiday season through our annual CHRISTMAS BEYOND THE TOYS campaign.

Each year, we focus our efforts on helping to alleviate stressors for families who have stepped up to care for additional children while also navigating unforeseen financial challenges. Whether it's a foster family in need of a new fridge or car repair, or a recently widowed mom who is managing grief and the holidays for the first time, all contributions to this initiative will help sustain families far beyond this holiday season.

We're looking forward to sharing the stories of how your generosity has made an incredible impact. (Please make sure to choose "CHRISTMAS BEYOND THE TOYS" when you contribute.)

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How have the CHRISTMAS BEYOND THE TOYS relief funds supported families in the past?

- A kinship caregiver who opened her home to her nieces and nephews lost her husband to Covid the week before Christmas. Monetary support from the community provided them with gifts from their wish lists, groceries and a holiday meal, a Christmas tree and decorations, and gift cards to help support them through their time of grief.
- A grandmother who opened her home to her 5 grandchildren was in need of car repairs in order to continue caring for them and getting them to and from school. A local auto shop donated their time, and your generosity covered the cost of all of the parts needed.
- A foster family who experienced an unexpected cancer diagnosis was navigating the added stress of hospital bills and the cost of feeding an additional sibling group in their home. Through your support, we provided groceries for the month of December.

