

October 16, 2013

Dear Angel Sponsor:

Christmas and the Holiday Season are advertised as the most joyous time of the year. Holiday decorations lined the aisles in the stores by mid-September. Yet, for so many in our local community there is tremendous need. Most of the parents who work with the Lackawanna County Office of Youth and Family Services think of this time of year with anxiety and fear. As they read over their child's Christmas wish list they wonder how they will ever get them the gifts they ask for, the gifts everyone else will get.

The case workers and foster families of Lackawanna County are so grateful to the community members who help to make children's wishes come true. It was hundreds of individuals, corporations and community groups who came together last year to provide toys, clothes and other gifts for over 1,000 children. The Angel Program is an incredible initiative that depends entirely on the goodwill of volunteers and community sponsors.

This year several of the Foster Parents are helping to coordinate the Angel Program and so things will be a little different. All gifts will be dropped off at a store front location at the Steamtown Mall. Each child will do an individualized Santa Letter and we will make every effort to match the age and gender you request. However, please remember that an exact match may not be possible. The children we work with are between the ages of birth and 21. Once we get your request, we will send you the "Letter to Santa" written by the "ANGEL" you sponsored. If you have e-mail, we can scan and e-mail your Angel letters to you

In an effort to assure that all children in a family receive a somewhat equitable amount of gifts from Santa, we are asking that you spend about \$100 per child. Please know that we are aware not everyone can afford this amount. Therefore, rather than individually sponsor a child you may want to join in with other people to sponsor a child or consider a monetary donation, a new unwrapped gift or gift card. Each and every person that contributes in any way they can is what makes this program unique and enables us to continue doing this year after year.

Lea Dougherty, one of the Foster Parents is coordinating the registration and matching process for the Angel Sponsors. Patty Lindsey is coordinating the distribution at the Steamtown Mall. You can reach Lea Dougherty through:

Email: [Leadoughertymsw@gmail.com](mailto:Leadoughertymsw@gmail.com)

Or by phone: 570-630-4506

We hope that this year the true holiday spirit will permeate our community and every child will get that special gift that he or she dreamed of but never thought possible.



If you want to Adopt An Angel, you can fill out the information below; you can scan and e-mail this form, fax it to OYFS 570-963-6384 or mail it in to Lea Dougherty c/o OYFS 200 Adams Ave Scranton PA 18503. You can also call Lea and give her your information. Once we receive your information you will receive your child's letter with further instructions.

If you have any questions or are unsure of anything, please do not hesitate to contact Lea. Your generosity has such a profound effect on the children you sponsor. Words cannot express how grateful we are. Our hope is for you and your loved ones to have a wonderful Holiday and a Healthy and prosperous New Year.

Happy Holidays,  
Lackawanna County  
Office of Youth and Family Services



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\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to Adopt \_\_\_\_\_ Angel(s) from the Adopt-An-Angel Program.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to make a monetary donation instead (Checks Only).

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not have a preference in age or gender.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have an age or gender preference:

\_\_\_\_\_ Santa Letter(s) for a girl(s), between the age(s) of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

and/or

\_\_\_\_\_ Santa Letter(s) from a boy, between the age(s) of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

My name is: \_\_\_\_\_

My company is: \_\_\_\_\_

My address is: \_\_\_\_\_

I can be reached by calling \_\_\_\_\_ or by e-mailing me at:

\_\_\_\_\_

I would prefer if you would \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail me or \_\_\_\_\_ mail me my child's letter(s).

