

October 22, 2014

Dear Angel Sponsor:

Thank you for your consideration to sponsor a child in our community. Last year was a transition year for the Office of Youth and Family Services in doing the Angel Program. We saw many successes, with over 700 children receiving gifts. We also learned a great deal about the process. We are so grateful for all of the community support and the dedicated volunteers who have assisted in this program year after year. The Mall at Steamtown has generously donated space for the third consecutive year (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor – next to Wet Seal), which allowed us the opportunity to meet many members of the community, including teenagers who each gave a dollar, to families who became sponsors immediately upon inquiring into the program. We are so fortunate to be part of such a wonderful community.

The Santa Letters are being distributed to the children and families this week. Each child will do an individualized Santa Letter and we will make every effort to match the age and gender you request. Please remember, however, an exact match may not be possible. The children we work with are between the ages of newborn 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. We think that communicating electronically was a success last year.

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 we are aware not everyone can afford this amount. Therefore, rather than individually sponsor a child you may want to consider options such as joining with others, making a monetary donation or giving a new, unwrapped gift or gift card. Each and every person who contributes any way they can is what makes this program unique and enables us to continue doing this year after year.

We are excited to have the support once again from Foster Parents, Youth in the OYFS Independent Living Program and many others who assist with the distribution of the Angel Program from The Mall at Steamtown. Lea Dougherty, a Lackawanna County OYFS Foster Parents is coordinating the registration and matching process for the Angel Sponsors. This year you can reach Lea Dougherty through:

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

Or by phone: 570-947-5519

We hope 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 to Lea, 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.

**Drop off of the gifts will be at The Mall at Steamtown (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor – Next to Wet Seal)  
Monday Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> – Monday Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>**

Monday to Friday            11:00am to 1:00pm    and    4:00pm to 6:00pm  
Saturday and Sunday        11:00am to 2:00pm

Happy Holidays,  
Lackawanna County Department of Human Services, 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 (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: \_\_\_\_\_

(if applicable)

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

