



Cut-N-Shoot 2010 Christmas Toy Run ADOPT A CHILD GUIDELINES

Child Protective Services (CPS) has referred children to CNS for Adoption. The children have been carefully screened by caseworkers at CPS and do not receive help from any other agency. These children are all from the Montgomery County area. You will be the only person providing Christmas for this child. You will be provided a "wish list" from your child. As a general guideline, your child should receive a **minimum of 5-7 gifts within the range of \$175.00 - \$275.00**. You can go in with other members for a "joint" adoption. Each child will be presented with one gift from Santa (that you purchased and tagged as Stage Gift) and will open it on stage on December 12. Their guardian will be given the bag of other gifts that you purchased to take home and open at their Christmas celebration.

General Guidelines:

- Purchase gifts from the wish list. All items on that list do not have to be purchased. We have tried to make the list detailed as to what the child wants/needs and what they already have. (Example: Several have been on our lists in previous years so they may already have a bike.)
- Select one gift to be opened on stage. If you are giving a bicycle, tricycle, or wagon, this should be your on stage gift. It may, however, be any gift you think is the major wish or "big thing".
Make sure to label it as **STAGE GIFT** with the **Child's name** and **Number** on it.
- Individually wrap each of the other gifts and label each of them with the child's name and number. Place all of the non-stage gifts in the clear plastic bag provided to you (55-gal industrial strength clear plastic bag). One bag per child. Decorate this bag with a bow or other decorations and clearly label.
- Children should receive a combination of practical and fun items. Clothing and toys are most common. All children need socks and underwear, etc.
- In addition, you might consider buying essentials such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, bubble bath, fun soaps, brushes, diapers, or other age appropriate things. (Hint: put them in a stocking with some little fun stuff.) These types of gifts are always needed and much appreciated.
- Some children are paired with their sibling(s) for 'adoption'. Therefore, you might consider adopting a "family" or getting together with the person(s) who adopted the other sibling(s). This helps insure equity in gifts received by the kids in the same family. But remember, the spending amount per child is still the same.

On Sunday, December 12, you are encouraged to meet and photograph the child(ren) you adopted. Remember, "**SANTA**" is providing the gifts, so you should not identify yourself as being the one who provided the gifts.

Please bring gifts to the Montgomery County Fairgrounds on Friday afternoon (Dec 10) or Saturday morning (Dec 11). You may also drop them off at Texan on or before Friday, December 10 by 5:00 PM.

CNS members adopting children will earn a special patch (2 for couples) per adopted child. While cash donations are greatly appreciated, they will not earn a patch.

If you have any questions, please contact Carol Langston at 936-672-0731 or clangston5677@gmail.com or Alisa Thacker at 281-433-7452 or A-hatfield@sbcglobal.net.

THANK YOU!!! Without you, Christmas would not happen for these children!