

# The JOY of giving!

Dear Friends,

We are so grateful for you choosing to adopt a child through MadCAAP's Holiday Adopt a Child program. Each child that is in this program is eligible because one of their parents went through 12 hours of education. This year we have nearly 500 children that qualified to be in the program.

We appreciate the time and love that you put into selecting those special items that each child dreams of receiving for the holidays. Here are just a few tips to help us sort through the thousands of gifts we will receive.

**Please wrap each gift and clearly mark the child's first name on each package.**

**Place all of those packages in a box or bag and clearly mark each bag with the mother's full name.**

**Please drop off the gifts at the MadCAAP Center in Canton during these days and times:**

- Saturday, December the 17<sup>th</sup>, 9 am to 3 pm
- Monday, December the 19<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to 3 pm (we distribute food until 10 am, and it's very hectic at the center until 10 am)
- Tuesday, December the 20<sup>th</sup>, 9 am to 3 pm
- Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup>, 9 am to 2 pm (this is the last day to drop off gifts)

MadCAAP is located at 181 Watford Parkway Drive, Canton, MS 39046

The office number is 601-407-1404

Directions: From the Madison area: take I-55 North, Exit Nissan 118B, which takes you over the interstate. Take the first right onto Watford Parkway Drive, we are just past the 4-way stop on the left next to the fire station.

**What do most people purchase for the child they adopt? Here is what we've seen in the past:**

- Purchase each child something warm to wear like a hoodie, sweater, or coat.
- Purchase 3-4 things from their wish list.
- Most people spend approximately \$125 per child (we appreciate any amount you spend, the \$125 is just what other donors have mentioned to us)
- Most that adopt an entire family include a box of essential food items (optional of course)
- We appreciate you going the extra mile to get that unique item on a child's wish list. (In most cases what you provide is that child's entire Christmas)
- Please no used clothing or toys for the holidays.

We are so grateful for your "love and giving" during the holidays!

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