

# Thanksgiving & Christmas

All year long we consistently accept donations to reach underserved Hamilton County residents in need. You can donate:

**Cash Donations:** Donations for our annual Good Samaritan Network Holiday Assistance Program is invaluable during Thanksgiving and Christmas. Checks can be written to: **Good Samaritan Network**, 12933 Parkside Dr., Fishers, IN 46038.

**iDonate Online:** You can donate quickly and easily online: [www.gsnlive.org](http://www.gsnlive.org). Use our online "DonateNOW" button to donate immediately, or text "GIVE" to 1-317-676-7171.

**Gift Cards:** We constantly need denominations of \$25 - \$100 Gift or Gas Cards. Gift cards are invaluable to GSN as we assist clients with needs when inventory and supplies are not adequate from our Holiday resources. We suggest these gift card locations: Meijer, WalMart, Marsh, Kroger, Aldi, etc. Please drop off gift cards at our offices: 12933 Parkside Dr., Fishers, IN, 46038.

**In-Kind Donations:** Donate NONPERISHABLE FOOD items, GENTLY USED or NEW TOYS and CLOTHING at our office during regular hours: 12933 Parkside Dr., Fishers, IN, 46038. Bicycle donations are refurbished by Recycled Cycles and re-purposed to clients all year long, including the Holidays.

**Hamilton County Red Barrel Campaign:** Various businesses throughout Hamilton County have agreed to host a "red barrel" so that NONPERISHABLE FOOD items, NEW TOYS and CLOTHING can be donated especially during the months of October thru December. Barrels are emptied weekly. Items are re-purposed thru the GSN Holiday Assistance program.

**Holiday Initiative Campaigns:** One of the greatest experiences in donating comes from a grassroots approach and surges out of a heart of caring.

- **Neighborhood** – why not develop a "neighborhood-wide" initiative to collect new toys and clothing to be donated to GSN and distributed thru the GSN Holiday Assistance program!
- **Business/Employee** – discuss with your employer a "company-wide" initiative to collect new toys and clothing to be donated to GSN and distributed thru the GSN Holiday Assistance program!
- **Church** – discuss with your pastor and church leadership a "church-wide" initiative to collect new toys and clothing to be donated to GSN and distributed thru the GSN Holiday Assistance program!



DONATIONS  
ACCEPTED  
ALL YEAR LONG

*Lend me your eye...*

become a **GSN iVolunteer**, **GSN iDonor**, or a **GSN Holiday iSponsor**...  
*it'll change what you see!*

# Holiday iSponsorship

## 2023 Holiday iSponsorship Good Samaritan NETWORK



*Holiday iSponsor Information/Application Packet*

**GSN is directly involved in serving at-risk individuals and families within Hamilton County. Countless families are hoping for Holiday Assistance. Collaboratively we can make it happen!** GSN has become the signature Holiday Assistance program in Hamilton County providing basic holiday provisions (Holiday food, clothing, toys, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Eve meals, etc.) for countless underserved individuals and families. GSN coordinates Holiday iSponsorship with various **individuals, agencies, organizations and churches**. This packet explains the iSponsor process and details for your participation.



**Good Samaritan Network**  
[www.gsnlive.org](http://www.gsnlive.org)



*Meeting People At Their Need... Hamilton County*

# Good Samaritan NETWORK

Dear Holiday Sponsor:

Thank you for considering Holiday sponsorship of a family or elderly couple for the holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas or both). Please fill out the **Holiday iSponsorship Application** (family request form) and mail or fax the form back to GSN. Or, if you are able, we prefer the application be completed online ([www.gsnlive.org](http://www.gsnlive.org)) by clicking on **Holiday iSponsorship** page and then select the **iSponsorship Application** link. Provide your specific requests related to your sponsorship needs and capabilities.

## Clarifying Your Responsibilities:

1. Your **primary role** as a sponsor is to **actually purchase and deliver** Holiday items for the assigned family(s). **Remember, your sponsorship will be the only help your assigned family will receive.** Keep gift donations reasonable and practical and age/gender specific. The **suggested minimum** sponsorship donation(s) are:
  - 3 clothing items per child (clothing, socks, underwear)
  - 3 toys per child (age appropriate)
  - food basket/or gift card for the entire family to use for holiday food

*(Adult/Parent gifts are completely optional)*

GSN's Holiday Assistance suggested donations / idea list is available online ([www.gsnlive.org](http://www.gsnlive.org)). Look for these links: **Age Specific Listings** and **Toy and Gift Listings** - found on the Holiday iSponsorship page.
2. Upon submitting an application, and agreeing to be a sponsor, detailed contact information/assignments will be provided (via email, mail, or fax). Your assigned family form(s) will include full contact details - and any known individual gift suggestions. Feel free to contact the family directly and confirm information: such as children's sizes and other requests, if it is not listed clearly on the form.
3. **Upon receiving your Holiday Family Request assignment(s), contact the family immediately - either by mail or phone (an alternate phone is listed if provided).** Let them know you are supporting them for the holidays (indicate Thanksgiving, Christmas or both). Also, tell them **when you expect to deliver their holiday items/food baskets.**
4. **Plan to contact the family within the first couple of days in November (or earlier)** if you are sponsoring a family for Thanksgiving; or within the first couple of days in **December (or earlier)** if you are sponsoring for Christmas. This allows the family to anticipate and plan for your kindness and expected delivery. Determine how much you are willing to spend on your assigned Holiday family(s). Why not involve the entire household/family (and friends) in helping shop for your assigned Holiday family(s)? You'll love it!

5. In making your initial contact with the family clearly **communicate an expected date and time** you will be delivering holiday items. Also, touch base with the family again **a day or two before you plan to deliver the gifts** - to confirm they will be home. *(You may also want to write a note specifying the date and time of delivery.)*

If after repeated attempts you have problems making contact with your assigned family(s), please contact the GSN office, or Nancy Chance directly, as early as possible.

6. Your assigned families will need you to **DELIVER** their Holiday items, preferably, **BEFORE** the following dates, if at all possible.

- **Thanksgiving Assistance / November 18**
- **Christmas Assistance / December 9**

If it is not possible to deliver before these dates, you can deliver **ON** these dates.

*It is very important that you **deliver on or before the above dates** because it will help alleviate many time-consuming phone calls to GSN. Good Samaritan Network instructs families to come to the GSN distribution site **ONLY if they have not heard from their sponsor(s) by the listed date(s).***

7. We prefer your personal engagement and direct involvement with those you are assisting for the Holidays. However, if you would like GSN to contact the family on your behalf, or if you would like us to deliver your holiday items; you must contact GSN directly - **very early in the month.** Please DO NOT wait until a matter of days before the expected Holiday delivery date.

It is with a grateful heart we express our sincere thanks for **your critical role** in this meaningful *community* holiday assistance program. *Thank you! Your concern and care for the under-served families in Hamilton County is so evident!*



Nancy Chance

*Holiday Coordinator/Founder/Exec. Director*  
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317.842.2603 (GSN Office)  
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317.842.4766 (GSN FAX)

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GOOD  
WITH YOU!  
*everyday*

Oct. – Dec. – Hamilton County Red Barrel Campaign - supported by Hamilton County businesses.

Oct. – iVolunteer Self-Scheduling task/job listing published for Holiday iVolunteer online positions.

Nov. 18 – Thanksgiving Food Assistance - Completed Holiday Assistance application required. 9am, Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds Hall A.

Nov. 24 – Thanksgiving Day Dinner – Completed Holiday Assistance application required. Visit our website for details.

Dec. 9 – Christmas Holiday Assistance Completed Holiday Assistance application required. 9am, Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, Halls: A, B, C.

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Meal Delivery - Completed Holiday Assistance application required. FREE Hot Meal Delivery to shut-ins for Christmas Day. Offsite Staging Area. Visit our website for details.

