



Dear Holiday Cheer Supporters,

Thank you for your kindness in helping West Benton County families this holiday season! Our program has undergone some changes this year to better meet the needs of our community. We kindly ask that you review the updates to understand the new structure. Your continued support is invaluable, and these changes will allow us to make an even greater impact together.

- The first major change in our program is that we've removed the deadline for applicants. We believe this will allow us to better serve those with the greatest needs, providing more flexibility and support when it's most critical.
- The second major change is that parents will now have the opportunity to "shop" for their kids during a scheduled shopping time. This allows families to have more choice and control, making the experience more personal and empowering for them.
- There are several ways you can help support our program:
 - **Host** a giving tree at your business or church, providing an opportunity for others in the community to participate in the shopping experience. **Contact Jennifer @ 541-231-5325 for Giving Tree tags to be delivered.**
 - **Be matched** with one or more of our applicants within a specific age range to ensure we have enough gifts for each age group. **Email to receive a match.**
 - **Shop online** through our Amazon registry where you'll find designated age groups to choose from. **Email for link.**
 - **Donate funds** online through PCS website, which will help us purchase food gift cards.
 - **Volunteer** by emailing holidaycheer@philomathcommunityservices.org to be added to the volunteer registry to learn about upcoming volunteer dates.

Gifts can be dropped off unwrapped at PCS during business hours M-F 9-3:30pm, but please call ahead to ensure our director, Sharon, is available.

Amazon orders will be delivered during designated business hours that we have scheduled. Additionally, you can drop off gifts at **College United Methodist Church at 1123 Main St** (location where we'll be hosting shopping event)

- **Friday, December 6th 9-5 pm**
- **Sunday, December 8th 1-5 pm**

Thank you again for helping make the holidays brighter for families in Philomath.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Ringwald

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