



## This holiday, give a gift that can be used all year long.

Family Service of Chester County



Each holiday season, Family Service of Chester County undertakes a goal to provide less fortunate families in our community with gifts to make their winters warmer and holidays happier. In the past, individual donors, employee groups, and local businesses have “adopted” families through Family Service and provided them with toys, clothing and food.

This year, Family Service is continuing our holiday giving tradition—but with a new gift giving option. Instead of “adopting” a family, we invite you to participate in our **GIFT CARD DRIVE** or contribute to our emergency **TRUST FUND**.

### GIFT CARD DRIVE

Donate a gift card of \$5, \$10, \$25, up to \$50 to help meet a family’s basic needs for food, clothing, home goods, car gasoline, and telephone minutes.

### TRUST FUND

Contribute to Family Service’s emergency fund for people with one-time emergencies like a prescription drug purchase or car repair.

Note: The Gift Card Drive and Trust Fund are replacing the Adopt-a-Family initiative of past years. Family Service will no longer partner with individual donors, employee groups, or local businesses to provide toys, clothing or food to Chester County families.

### GIFT CARD DRIVE: \$5, \$10, \$25... up to \$50

At Family Service, we have witnessed an increase in the number of families and individuals in Chester County who need help throughout the year to purchase basics like food, clothing, home goods, car gasoline, telephone minutes. Family Service counselors and case managers distribute various kinds of assistance all year-round, and they have found gift cards to be very useful. Gift cards meet specific needs, can be used all year long, and allow people to enjoy shopping for themselves.

#### Gift Cards Types and Amounts

If you would like to donate a gift card, we suggest cards in amounts up to \$50. That means \$5, \$10, \$25, anything up to \$50. You can donate a card from a local grocery store, gas station, or major chain like Wal-Mart or Target. Phone cards are also especially helpful.

### TRUST FUND:

Sometimes families and individuals at Family Service run into emergencies that they can’t afford to fix. The Trust Fund provides these people with small cash grants to handle one-time emergencies, such as a prescription drug purchase, a car repair that allows someone to get to their job, a furnace repair, or back-to-school supplies for a child.

Like gift cards, Family Service counselors and case managers can distribute Trust Fund grants at their discretion and at anytime.

