

# Austin Police Operation Blue Santa

**ONLINE REGISTER** *NOTE link not currently available, please check back!*

**Sponsor Login**

**Review Applications/Select Families On-line**

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## Adopt-A-Family

Our families come in all shapes and sizes. From a family of 1 who are typically seniors to families of 2 – 22. Adults & Children

## Review applications online.

Select your family/families by noting the Application Number for each of the families you wish to adopt.

We will require this number in order to release your family/families to you.

When we release a family to you, you will receive their contact information and related details.

## Contact Your Family

Once you have received the contact information on your family/families you must contact them. Dial \*67 then the family’s telephone number. Begin the relationship process by asking to speak to the Head of Household as it appears on their application and identify yourself as their Christmas Assistance Adopt-A-Family Sponsor. It is best to only provide your First Name.

Do not give them your Last Name or personal contact numbers. Inquire what their “Holiday Needs Might Be?” Be sure to have paper and pencil ready to take down gift ideas and sizes. (Some may ask for the kitchen sink - you are only obligated to provide them what is within YOUR ability to give. If you find that your experience with the family is not a positive one, please contact us immediately and we will release the family and re-assign another family to you.)

You will also need to establish a date and time that you will be delivering the gifts to your family.

**Do not give your family your personal information, telephone number(s) – if they wish to get in touch with you, it is required they do so by calling the Blue Santa Adopt a Family line at 512-974-9194 we will be the go between.**

## Guidelines to Giving

*“Your giving is a personal decision based on your budget and your ability to donate.”*

We ask that you meet at a minimum the following two giving options: provide the family with the means for a meal and gifts for the children (14 and under). If you wish to provide for the kids 15 and older that is up to your individual discretion.

**MEAL** - We have found that gift cards from HEB, Randall's, Super Wal-Mart or Super Target are the best option. A gift card offers a sense of dignity, allowing them to purchase their own food, moreover, the Austin community has become very rich in cultures, diverse lifestyles, special diets, and personal taste. The \$\$ value of the gift card will depend on the size of your family.

**GIFTS** - Gifts for the children can be toys, games, books and clothing, etc. You may also provide a gift for the entire family or the head of household. (We have individuals that provide a tree, decorations, stockings filled with goodies, gifts, gift cards and pay delinquent utility bills.) Again, "Your giving is a personal decision based on your budget and your ability to donate." Don't forget to decorate or wrap the gifts.

### **DELIVERY**

Schedule a date and time that you will be delivering your gifts to your family. It is important to call them a few days before that delivery date to re-confirm. Re-check the address, get directions or ask for apartment numbers and gate codes. If the address has changed, please contact the Operation Blue Santa Adopt a Family Line at 512-974-9194 immediately and report the change. Do not delivery gifts to a changed address or a meeting place.

**DONATE** –If you are not comfortable with this giving relationship, however you want to contribute, we ask that you please make a donation. We welcome Cash, Check, and Gift Card Donations.

Donation can be made on-line to: Operation Blue Santa - go back to our home page and click the Make a difference Donate button.

Checks, Gift Cards to: Austin Police Operation Blue Santa, P.O. Box 689001, Austin Texas 78768-9001.