



Frequently Asked Questions

When can I bring my gifts to LARS?

We will *only* accept gifts at our back door from Monday, Nov 21, thru Thursday, Dec 8, from Noon – 5pm.

A few things to remember when bringing your gifts:

- Include the receipt(s) for your purchases; we must account for donations to the IRS.
- Bring all your family's gifts at one time; we cannot accept partial donations.
- Use the back door to deliver your gifts; we *will not* accept family gifts at the front door.
- Please wear a facemask when delivering your family's gifts.

If this is your first-time adopting-a-family, you should know:

- Our donors spend about spend \$100 per child
- You will receive a Wishlist with specific information on each child, such as likes, dislikes, favorites, etc.

Am I buying gifts for the parents and household too?

You are under no obligation to purchase anything more than what the children have requested. If you would like to give something for the entire family or the parents, we suggest gift cards, like Visa, Walmart, Target, Amazon, etc.

I love to wrap! Can I wrap the gifts?

Yes, please wrap your family's gifts.

I don't have their names; how will you know who gets which gifts?

These are helpful hints to make sure your gifts get to your family:

- DO write your family's assigned number on *each* wrapped gift. The "assigned number" is on the top right corner of the Wishlist.
- DO include the initials, age and gender of the specific child on the gifts.
- DO group your family's gifts in a large bag with their assigned number on the *outside*.
- DO put gift cards in a separate envelope labeled with the family's assigned number and recipient's initials and hand the envelope to a LARS staff member for safe keeping.

And where exactly is LARS?

We are located at 311 Laurel Ave, in Laurel's Historic District, a few blocks south of Main St.

And when can I deliver my gifts?

We will accept gifts from Wednesday, Nov 16, thru Thursday, Dec 8, from 12:00pm – 5:00pm.

➔ *Remember, we can only accept adopt-a-family gifts at our back door.*

Can I order my gifts thru Amazon?

We will accept your adopt-a-family gifts from Amazon; however, *ALL* of the family's gifts must come in one delivery.

Can I include food for my adopted family?

Most of our families have signed up to receive a holiday food basket. Feel free to include a grocery store gift card if you want to do more.

Can I help to give out the gifts?

To volunteer, please contact LARS Volunteer Coordinator, Alli Milner, amilner@laureladvocacy.org or 301-776-0442 x1035.

Contact Tam Cunningham-Myers, tmyers@laureladvocacy.org or 301-776-0442 x1028 for more information about our Holidays of Hope program.