

## 2009 Gifts From the Heart Program Calendar

### September 18 - October 16

Social workers submit gift requests  
To GFTH Office

### September 28

GFTH sponsorship forms sent to  
Community Partners

### October 16

Deadline - sponsorship forms due to  
GFTH Office

### October 19 - November 13

Gift request wish list sent to  
Community Partners

### December 1 - December 11

Gift pick-ups or deliveries from CP to  
GFTH warehouse

### December 7 - December 18

Social workers pick-up and deliver  
gifts to children and families



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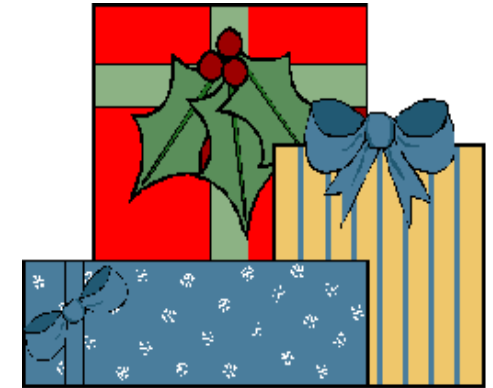
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# Gifts From The Heart



A holiday gift program for  
children, youth, and seniors,  
made possible by volunteers,  
community partners,  
and individual sponsors.

## What is the Gifts From The Heart Program?

The Gifts From The Heart Program (GFTH) is an annual holiday gift-giving program designed to provide gifts to children, teens, and senior adults whose families have little or very limited resources.

The children, teens, and senior gift recipients are identified by their own case social workers in Sacramento County Department of Health and Human Services, Divisions of Child Protective Services, and Senior and Adult Services.

For the past 20 years, thanks in great part to the generosity and caring of our GFTH Community Partners, the holidays have been brighter for children, teens, and seniors in the County system of care.

In 2008, over 90 Community Partners and individual sponsors donated over 13,500 gifts to 3,700 children and teens and 625 seniors throughout Sacramento County.

## Who sponsors the GFTH Program?

Local community partners, such as businesses, government agencies, religious organizations, service groups, professional groups, and individuals participate in this annual holiday gift-giving drive.

GFTH welcomes all interested persons or groups who wish to make “holiday dreams” come true for children, teens, and seniors, who are served by the Department of Health and Human Services.

GFTH Program exists only because of the generous contributions of our local Community Partners and individual sponsors. Without your support, this holiday gift program would not exist.

## How can you help or participate?

Over the years, the department has seen a dramatic increase in the number of clients we serve. As a result, we now have more children, teens, and seniors than the number of holiday gifts we have to give.

You can make a huge difference by take part in one or more of the following ways:

- ❖ Sign up as a community partner to sponsor children, teens, and/or seniors for gifts.
- ❖ Monetary donation - make check payable to Department of Health and Human Services/ Gifts From The Heart Program and send it to the address on this brochure.
- ❖ Sign up as volunteer to help out at the warehouse during the month of November and December. Positions are available for gift pick-up, distribution, delivery, sorting, loading and unloading.

## How does the GFTH Program work?

The Gifts From The Heart Program is coordinated through the Volunteer Services/ Office of the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services. Department staff, along with volunteers, manage the pick-up, distribution, and delivery of gifts from our Community Partners to the gift recipients.

- ❖ Social workers request gifts for children, youth, and seniors from their caseloads.
- ❖ The requests are distributed to our Community Partners whose members fill the gift requests.
- ❖ New gifts are purchased and wrapped by members of our Community Partners and individual sponsors.
- ❖ The gifts are turned in to social workers, who then deliver them to the children, youth, and seniors in time for the holidays.

*If you'd like a mini-GFTH presentation, please contact Tammy Liu, Volunteer Services Coordinator at (916)875-2027.*

