



South Boston Neighborhood House

Holiday Helper Sponsor Toolkit

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Holiday Helper](#)

Thank you for supporting our Holiday Helper Program!

We have many different ways to support our families this holiday season:

- Purchasing gifts from one of our Wishlist Registries
- Donating online
- Donating gift cards
- Sponsoring a family

Whether you prefer to give online or in person, we appreciate you joining us in spreading holiday cheer!





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Wishlist Registry

If you would like to purchase gifts but aren't sure what to buy, view our Holiday Registries to see what families need. These gifts will be sent directly to our offsite Holiday Helper location, and our team will match your gifts to the families requesting support.

Registries can be found below for Amazon, Target, and Walmart.

Scan the codes or click the links below to start shopping!

Amazon



Target



Walmart





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Donate Online

We are grateful for gifts of any size – every contribution makes a difference!

To give online, simply click the Holiday Helper picture below. You will be redirected to the SBNH donation page.

When making your gift, **please add “Holiday Helper” in the comment field** so we can be sure it goes to this program.

With your support:

- \$50 provides a toy for one child
- \$100 provides a toy & a winter coat
- \$250 provides a Holiday dinner for a family
- \$500 fulfills a family's holiday wishlist



If you prefer to send a check, please mail to:
South Boston Neighborhood House
ATTN: Holiday Helper
136 H Street
South Boston, MA 02127





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Donate Gift Cards

Some Holiday Helpers like to purchase gift cards for the parents and caregivers of families applying for support. This allows the families to purchase what is most needed.

Here are some nearby, popular stores we recommend for gift card purchases:

Stop & Shop
Target
Market Basket
Shaws
Old Navy
Ulta
Walmart

Best Buy
Famous Footwear
Marshalls
Amazon
Sephora
Nike
Primark

Please mail or drop off gift card(s) to:

South Boston Neighborhood House
ATTN: Kathy Lafferty
136 H Street
South Boston, MA 02127

Monday – Friday, 9:30 AM–5:00 PM





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Sponsor a Family

Sponsoring a family means purchasing at least 3 gifts from the child(ren)'s wishlist and any clothing that is requested (winter coat, boots, pajamas).

The average cost of sponsorship is \$250.00 per child.

Sponsoring a family **does not have to be done alone!** It is a popular option among friends, companies, teams, and clubs.

What to expect:

- SBNH reviews your request to sponsor.
- You will receive an email from Kathy Lafferty or Erin LaMonica with your family match. **Please check your spam/junk folders!**
- Once all gifts have been purchased, drop off at SBNH (136 H Street) Monday – Friday between 9:30am – 5:00pm.
- SBNH notifies the family that their gifts are ready for pickup.

**Please drop off your (unwrapped) gifts before
December 14, 2026**

We understand things happen and plans can change. If your contact information changes OR **you can no longer fulfill the sponsorship**, please contact Kathy Lafferty (klafferty@sbnh.org) as soon as possible. We will need time to make other arrangements so every child receives a gift.



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1. Where do I drop off donations?

Donations will be dropped off to our main site:

South Boston Neighborhood House

136 H Street, South Boston, MA 02127

Monday – Friday between 9:30am – 5:00pm

Online purchases will be shipped to our offsite location. This address is already setup on our Walmart, Amazon, and Target registries.

If you are sponsoring a family and need to ship an item directly to us, see Question 14.

2. What time can I drop off my donation?

Monday – Friday from 9:30am–5:00pm

3. What date do I need to drop off items by?

Please drop off all items before **December 14** to allow enough time to get them to our families.

4. Do I need to wrap the gift(s) I'm donating?

We prefer that gifts are unwrapped. If you would like to provide wrapping paper for the family, we will include it with their gifts! If you prefer to wrap, we ask that each item is clearly labeled with the child's name, and a list of items is provided for the family.

5. Why are some gifts being sent to an offsite location?

Space is limited at SBNH, so this donated office space allows us to coordinate our Holiday Helper program.

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6. Can I donate lightly used items?

No. We ask that all Holiday Helper donations are NEW items.

7. What does it mean to “sponsor” a family?

Sponsoring a family means purchasing at least 3 items from the children's wish lists along with any clothing items that are requested (winter coat, boots, pajamas). Some Holiday Helpers also include a grocery store gift card or other items that may be helpful to the family. The average cost of sponsoring a family is \$250.00 per child.

8. Can I sponsor part of a family?

No, sponsoring a family means committing to providing gifts for each child. Instead of sponsoring, another great option is selecting a gift from our Target/Amazon/Walmart registries – these are specific items that children have asked for!

9. Can I include a gift that is not on the family's wish list?

Yes, but we ask that this is in addition to the items the child/family has requested.

10. Can I include an item for the parent/caregiver?

Yes! Suggested items for the adult family members: grocery store gift card, gas gift card (Speedway), CHARLIE card (for the MBTA), winter hat/gloves/scarf.

11. I'd like to coordinate a collection at a Holiday Party, is that helpful?

Yes! Items such as diapers, winter coats, pajamas, hats and mittens, gift cards, and toys (for all ages) are all very helpful.

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12. My family/friends/co-workers would like to sponsor a family together, can we do that?

YES! It is best to decide on a budget and how many children/what size family you would like to sponsor. We will provide the family's wish list, and you can shop together or disseminate the list among yourselves, then bring them to us. The average cost of sponsoring a family is \$250.00 per child.

13. Can I donate more than once?

YES! If you would like to donate multiple ways, you can select more than one type of donation on our Holiday Helper Sponsor form. We appreciate any support you are able to give.

14. Can I ship gifts to SBNH?

We prefer gifts are dropped off during regular business hours (M-F, 9:30am-5:00pm). If you are sponsoring a family and need to ship an item directly to SBNH, please include YOUR name in the shipping address. This ensures we will get the gift to the correct family. See the sample below:

Ship to: South Boston Neighborhood House
ATTN: Holiday Helper (YOUR NAME)
136 H Street
South Boston, MA 02127

15. I can no longer fulfill my donation to sponsor a family, who do I contact?

Please contact Kathy Lafferty (klafferty@sbnh.org) **as soon as possible** so we can make other arrangements and ensure that no family or child is left without gifts.