



Secret Santa 2016

Be a Secret Santa!

Last year, thanks to the generosity of people like you, more than 210 bright-eyed foster children awoke on Christmas morning to find presents mysteriously placed under the tree! Joyous surprises like these are something new for so many of the children we serve. These children come from troubled homes and disappointment is often a common occurrence.

Currently we serve 235 children in the region:

Ages 0 to 3:	33 Girls	31 Boys
Ages 4 to 8:	24 Girls	37 Boys
Ages 9 to 14:	33 Girls	40 Boys
Ages 15+:	18 Girls	19 Boys

Your gifts may be the only Christmas presents these children receive. By choosing to donate toys, clothing, games or gift cards, you will make a special Christmas possible for these children.

This year we ask our "Santas" to shop for gifts for a girl or boy ages 0-18. Suggestions for young children include age appropriate Fisher-Price, Melissa & Doug or Leap Frog products and other learning toys. For older children, bath and body items, craft kits, scooter or bike, gift cards to Kohl's, Old Navy, Wal-Mart, Target, Game Stop, or any toys or clothing popular with children or teens. These are only suggestions as all gifts are very much appreciated.

We ask that **unwrapped items** be dropped off at the Caritas Family Solutions offices at

900 Royal Heights Road, Belleville, Ill., 62226 (front entrance)

**Friday, November 18 - 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. ~ Saturday, November 19 - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday, December 6 - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. ~ Wednesday, December 7 - 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

We will see that one of our foster children receives the gifts you so kindly purchased.

Cash donations are also greatly appreciated and will help us assist where needed most.

Cash donations can be brought during drop-off dates or mailed to:

Caritas Family Solutions, 8601 West Main Street, Suite 200, Belleville, Ill. 62223

Your help will assure that every child experiences a special and memorable Christmas.

Thank you in advance for helping Caritas Family Solutions bring smiles to our kids' faces and joy into their lives during this holiday season!

For more information, please contact:

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To donate online go to www.caritasfamilysolutions.org/secretsanta