



## **This Holiday Season, Give the Gift That Makes It Home**

All families yearn for the comfort and warmth of a home of their own. [Family Promise of Bergen County](#) offers the stability of temporary shelter and wrap-around support to working families experiencing homelessness on their journey toward making this a reality. Through the holiday season and beyond, our promise is to ensure that these families have a place to call home, as well as the tools and resources they need to grow and thrive.

This year, your organization or civic group can make a difference in the lives of the families we serve by donating to the [Family Promise Holiday Giving Fund](#), which will allow us to continue to offer shelter and personalized support to the families we serve. Your contribution will also help make the most wonderful time of the year even more magical for the children in our program through the purchase of gift cards, so that parents can select a gift for their child as unique as they are.

Thank you for brightening the lives of the families we serve. Best wishes for a happy, healthy holiday!

### **More Ways to Give**

Gift cards to major retailers not only empower parents to choose the perfect holiday present for their child, but also provide their families with the necessary items they need throughout the year. Please consider donating denominations of \$25 or more of the following:

- Amazon
- Target
- Walmart
- Kohl's
- T.J. Maxx & Marshalls
- Grocery stores (Stop & Shop, Shoprite, Aldi)
- Gas station gift cards
- Uber & Lyft
- AMEX & Visa gift cards

### **Give Families a Big Night Out!**

For the past two holiday seasons, gatherings outside of the home were limited due to the pandemic. Now that restrictions have lifted and businesses are open at full capacity, families can once again get together to enjoy a special meal or head to a movie theater to catch a new film. Please consider giving families a special evening out by donating gift cards of \$25 or more to a restaurant with multiple locations in our area (such as Applebee's, Chili's, Olive Garden, or Outback Steakhouse) or to the movies (AMC Theatres, Fandango).

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## ✧ More Holiday Giving Ideas ✧

Check out these fun ideas of how to get in the holiday spirit AND raise funds for Family Promise!

### ***Ugly Sweater Party***

Come one, come all, and come ugly! Show off your most festive (and creative) holiday outfit by hosting your very own Ugly Sweater Party. Ask attendees to pay a fee to attend, with all proceeds going towards the Family Promise Holiday Giving Fund.

### ***Holiday Baking Showdown***

Share your pastry skills with the world (or at least your friends) by hosting a holiday baking competition. Up the ante by offering a small prize to the best baker. Encourage contestants to donate to the Holiday Giving Fund in lieu of an entrance fee.

### ***Gift Card Tree Competition***

Create small teams and assign each group a gift card category based on our wish list above (clothing, grocery stores, transportation, etc.). Members will then purchase and/or collect gift cards in their specific category with the intention of using them to create a Gift Card Tree. The team that collects the most gift cards will be declared the winner, with a bonus prize being awarded to the group with the most festive or creative “tree”. Great for large groups!