

Christmas Adopt-A-Child— Make a difference

Give a child a gift or fill a grocery bag of much needed items. Your gift is truly a gift that will be treasured as each child knows you personally thought of them and when selecting the items. To have things they can call their own is something the kids really look forward to. [How it works](#)



Each year brown grocery bags are filled with essential items such as a new outfit, treats, hygiene supplies, toys, school supplies and notes & photos from you. Your gifts are packed in suitcase and delivered in person by Calvary and Maple Grove mission teams. A special Christmas celebration is hosted for the kids by the Calvary mission team during spring break. Many team members have participated in this Christmas program and received the blessing of delivering gifts. [Read more](#)

To participate in this program for December contact: Sharon Way 814-692-8943 sharonway56@yahoo.com or Beckie Romig 814-574-6504 beckie@psu.edu



How It Works

Thank you so much for sponsoring a boy from the Rose of Sharon Orphanage in the Dominican Republic. Below is a list of items we would like each bag to contain. If you cannot complete the list that is not a problem, please just check off what is included & we will take care of the rest.



Please **do NOT wrap** any of the gifts, simply put them in a brown paper grocery bag (please do NOT use anything else!) Feel free to decorate the bag in any way you'd like & attach the list at the bottom to the bag.

Return your gift the weekend of **January 8/9**. That's right, **AFTER** Christmas, allowing you time to take advantage of those after the holidays bargains! We will have someone outside collecting the bags so that you do not have to carry them in to church. If, however, you prefer to turn in your gifts earlier, please let us know & we will make arrangements to get them from you.

Important note on toys & games: Please do NOT buy anything that requires batteries! Some of the boys have gotten into trouble, even removed from the orphanage, as a direct result of their quest for batteries. We do not want to contribute to this behavior. Any toys received that require/contain batteries will be donated to another mission. Also note that these children are relatively sheltered, so a toy that would be appropriate for a child 3-4 years younger than a typical American would be suitable. The children particularly like any type of manipulative toys: Legos, construction toys, models, etc.

Pictures are treasured, so feel free to include pictures of you, your family, your pets, etc. Even if you don't speak Spanish, include a card or letter telling your adoptee a little bit about you; there are people at the orphanage who are willing to translate & we'd like to encourage the development of relationships!

Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns about this project. May God shine on you as you serve Him by serving our Dominican family. Beckie Romig (814) 574-6504 and Brooks & Sharon Way (814) 692-8953

Boy

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 shirts (preferably a t-shirt & a collared shirt) | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pair of sneakers or shoes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pair of pants (shorts are fine, but pants are a cultural sign of maturity) | <input type="checkbox"/> socks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Underwear | <input type="checkbox"/> Belt |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pack of pencils | <input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pack of pens (black ink preferred) | <input type="checkbox"/> Candy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soap | <input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toothpaste | <input type="checkbox"/> Spiral notebook |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toy or game | |

NAME OF ADOPTEE: _____

Girl

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 shirt or blouse | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pair of shoes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 skirt or dress | <input type="checkbox"/> socks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Underwear | <input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pack of pencils | <input type="checkbox"/> Spiral notebook |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pack of pens (black ink preferred) | <input type="checkbox"/> Candy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soap | <input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo |
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NAME OF ADOPTEE: _____

A Small Thing Brings Great Joy



"My family has participated in this program for several years now. We have fun collecting things we think the kids will really like and would be useful. I have been to the D.R. with Calvary twice during spring break. Christmas is always my favorite part of the trip. It's really neat to see the kids opening their gifts and hiding the things they like most. Being there I can really see how much the kids really love their gifts. I see how important it is to them even though collecting the gifts seem like a minor thing for us to do."

~Sarah Crow

Meeting Our Sponsored Child

"Ten years ago, our family decided to participate in the Rose of Sharon Orphanage Christmas gift program. We grouped around a table in the church lobby that was full of boys' photos, and I asked my three kids to pick one.



They decided on Blaudio. We spent lots of time that first year picking out the best gifts to send him, stuffing his new sneakers with candy, and decorating his gift box. Since then, each November when the orphanage team requests volunteers to buy gifts for the boys, we've asked to be matched with Blaudio. He was almost a bigger than life hero in our house. We prayed for him and talked about him, but didn't really know him. We watched him grow up through his yearly pictures, pumped Brooks & Sharon for information about what he was like, and wondered whether we'd

ever get to meet him. This past January, our family of five decided that this was the year we felt the Lord calling us to finally make the trip to the DR!

What would Blaudio be like? Would he enjoy meeting us? Would he even talk to us? We didn't have to wait long to find out. On the first night we went to the orphanage, he found us after the church service and gave me big hug! Although he was shy about speaking English, he stuck with us for the rest of the evening. Our kids bonded with him during the week; painting and joking around. On Thursday, it was time to celebrate Christmas. It was so much fun watching him open the gifts we had chosen for him! One of his gifts was a "Connect Four" game. He took it out, set it up and proceeded to play consecutive games with each of our three kids. He wasn't in any hurry to get back to his friends.

What a thrill to finally meet this young man who is so handsome, gentle, hard working and funny-- but I am a biased mom. It is a joy to support a program that has not only housed and fed boys, but given them an education and direction for their future lives!" ~Nancy McCash

The Gift I Treasure



"My favorite memory, on my first mission trip to the D.R. it was Christmas and all the kids were excitedly going through their bags or off putting things away. The house mothers received a bag of gifts too. A couple of them invited me into their dorm style room where they were trying on shoes, smelling lotions and shampoos and organizing their treasures. At the bottom of Elsa's bag was a black and white polka-dot skirt, she grabbed it with excitement and held it to her waits and began twirling around like a child... seeing her joy of receiving a simple skirt was overwhelming and humbling for me. As I left the room with tears in my eyes I was greeted by another team member whom

had experienced the same emotions while watching the older boys with their gifts. Little did Elsa know that it was I who received the gift." ~ Janise Crow