



## PINELLAS COUNTY FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE PARENTS ASSOCIATION

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### ANGELS FOR ANGELS GUIDELINES 2018

Angels for Angels, a.k.a. A4A, is a seasonal program to raise Christmas gifts for foster and adopted children ages 0-17 of our members. A4A is a PC-FAPA member benefit program run by volunteers who are members of the association. The Angels committee goes out into the community and solicits donors to commit to sponsor Angel Trees. Each Angel tree contains Angel tags which are the names & wishes of our kids. We rely on the generosity of the community to choose an Angel and include them on their Holiday shopping list.

### Eligibility

A4A program is open to foster and adopted children 17 years old and under in your home. Adopted children are those defined by our association as children adopted from the foster care system. All Members must:

- 1) be in good standing with the association (see ByLaws),
- 2) have filed their application and paid their dues for the current year before April 1st (prior members),
- 3) must attend (4) PC-FAPA general membership meetings, held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month except June, from January through September (8 meetings). Membership social events do not satisfy attendance requirements for A4A. For two adult member households, only (1) member is required to attend a specific meeting to receive attendance credit and as long as a household has a combined (4) unique meetings attended, the qualifications would be met. New foster and adoptive parents (defined by those who just received their license or adoption, have never joined PCFAPA before or have not been a member of PCFAPA for at least (3) consecutive years and left in good standing) that join after April 1st are required to complete half of available meetings to qualify for A4A. (E.G. a new member joins in at the May membership meeting, they must attend (2) out of the (4) meetings available to them in order to qualify.)
- 4) complete the online form and submit Angels fees as instructed by the deadline.
- 5) Volunteer a total of 5 hours per member household (any combination of either adult can fulfill the volunteer hours) for PCFAPA before the Angels gift pick up date in late December; members should keep track but official volunteer hours are logged through our volunteer coordinator, Veronica Franklin- realbrown2000@yahoo.com or (727) 385-3063.

*The fee for participation in the Angels Program is \$25 per family up to (2) children, each additional qualifying child is \$5/per child (\$40 max program fee). Online Application and program fees must be submitted and paid by 11 pm Sunday September 16, 2018.*

### Program Information

Please remember that the Angels program is a supplemental program and should never replace your Holiday shopping for your children. We can never guarantee what gifts we get in and rely on the generous donations from the community in order to offer this program.

All families will be assigned an area coordinator. Your coordinator will communicate with you regarding pick up dates and times for your gifts. Please be advised that you may have to travel

outside your immediate area for pick up, please be flexible. Please include an email address as most communications occur via email.

***If any household changes occur, i.e. children leave, new children arrive etc, please contact your coordinator immediately. We will do our best to get new children gifts.***

As with everything, the program grows larger each year and in the event the child ratio is higher than sponsor commitments, the Angels team will give priority gifting to foster children as their need is greater. This does not mean adopted children will not receive gifts, this means adopted children may not receive all 6 wishes.

### **Good to know**

Including hobbies & interests in your child's profile greatly increases the odds that your child will be selected from the tree. ***Please keep all requests under \$50 so that it is reasonable for all shoppers. Historically, the more expensive a request is the less likely it will be fulfilled.***

Most gifts will arrive wrapped. We strongly recommend that you pre scan all gifts before giving to your children. Sponsors are not obligated to purchase the exact wish indicated on the tag. We are also dealing with the public so we suggest that you error on the side of caution and make sure the gift is appropriate for your child.

A4A is by far the largest program we offer and a lot of volunteer hours go into this to ensure its success. The Angels team may ask for help with various aspects of the program. Please let our Volunteer Coordinator, Veronica Franklin - [realbrown2000@yahoo.com](mailto:realbrown2000@yahoo.com) or (727) 385-3063.

There are different Christmas Programs to choose from, you may only participate in one (1) Christmas program. Please no "double dipping". *All family names will be crossed check against the other Christmas Programs to verify eligibility.*

**Other Available Programs for those who do NOT qualify for PCFAPA Angels (families may ONLY participate in ONE program)**

#### **FOSTER KIDS:**

Eckerd Community Alternatives through your child's case manager  
Mentha Thomas Program - 727-458-1418 [menthathomas@yahoo.com](mailto:menthathomas@yahoo.com)  
Guardian Ad Litem - contact your GAL for services

#### **ADOPTED CHILDREN:**

Mentha Thomas Program