



Dear Friend:

Thank you for your interest in ONEgeneration's 2023 Holiday SHARE project.

– **S**ending **H**elp **A**nd **R**eal **E**ssentials –

Your participation will make an enormous difference in the life of someone in need: a senior who is frail, homebound and lonely, a struggling older couple, or maybe an entire family who is finding it difficult to make ends meet.

HOW IT WORKS

You (your family, office, church, temple or group signed up to participate) will be given background information and a SHARE profile for each person, family or child you are helping. The profile is not a request for extravagant gifts, but outlines specific needs and modest comforts that our staff has identified. **See Sample on the next page.**

Gifts. All gifts of NEW items are certainly welcome. The items mentioned are simply suggestions and not expected to be purchased any added items that you feel would be of help or bring holiday joy are much appreciated. Many have limited mobility, limited means and limited space. Relatively small or seemingly insignificant items may immediately and positively improve their lives.

Gift cards for necessities – cards issued by grocery store chains, major drugstores, and major chains like Target and WalMart – are extremely useful gifts to include in a SHARE package. *Now they can even use them to pick up prescriptions!*

ONEgeneration can additionally provide many vital services to SHARE recipients through your directed donations (checks payable to ONEgeneration) or online donations www.ONEgeneration.org click on Donations in the top right-hand corner.

ONEgeneration will accept SHARE donations of cash, check, or credit card and ensure that they go directly to meet the designated needs of a SHARE recipient.

Gift Wrapping. All gifts will be distributed the second and third week of December. In many cases, wrapped and ribbon-tied gifts are difficult to open. **Please use re-usable bags or gift bags and tissue.** If there is a requested item that is wrapped please label the box, for instance: Ruth CM 45 Cat Food.

If we don't know what the item is we do need to open it. Sturdy bags also helps the delivery elves greatly.

Donation Recognition All checks will receive a donation acknowledgement letter. If you request an in-kind donation letter please email volunteer@onegeneration.org

Thank you cards: We deliver all packages with blank thank you notes so that the recipient is able to write back to you. We collect as many as possible however due to writing difficulty or other impairments you may not receive a thank you note from your donors. Please know though that they are truly grateful for the help you have provided and the holiday cheer!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Complete the attached form and return ASAP to be matched with a SHARE recipient or recipients. **PROFILES WILL BE SENT OUT THE FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER.** (However if you contact us after this and we have profiles we will be happy to send you one.)

Please drop off your package(s) the first two weeks of December to the Senior Center at 18255 Victory Blvd. in Reseda, CA 91335, open 9am to 4pm, or the Wilkinson Senior Center, whichever site is listed on your form. To make the process run smoothly label all packages with the name and number of your client including how many. Ruth CM 05, 1 of 3. This way we won't leave one behind and deliver 2 of the bags and then find the third which will still get delivered but this will help us be more efficient.

If you have any questions, please contact: volunteer@onegeneration.org

We appreciate your generosity. The SHARE Project is one of our favorite ONEgeneration activities, and we wish you a happy, healthy holiday season and new year.

Gratefully,

The Board of Directors, Staff, and Volunteers of ONEgeneration

All SHARE Project contributions are fully-tax-deductible
ONEgeneration Federal Tax ID #95-4066979.

NAME OF RECIPIENT: Grace **SAMPLE**

AGE OF RECIPIENT: 78 FAVORITE COLOR: Pastels
Pant Size: M Shirt Size: M Shoe Size: 7

BRIEF HISTORY:

Grace has been attending the ONEgeneration senior center for over ten years. Although she is on a very fixed income, when she has extra money she uses it for yarn. Grace knits baby blankets, sweaters, hats and booties for expecting teen parents of ONEgeneration's intergenerational program. She also makes scarves for Operation Gratitude to send to soldiers overseas. This is her greatest joy in life to donate her knitted goods to others. Although she is homebound now, this is her way of volunteering. Grace taught High School Math for 30 years before retiring. Grace has been having trouble with her balance recently and would greatly benefit from a new cane (she requests a pretty color).

CRITICAL NEEDS: DESIRES: Toiletries, paper goods (toilet paper, paper towels) and a food basket would greatly help her as well as a new cane. She would love yarn...baby soft yarn in various colors for her baby goods and Brown/Greens/Grey for her military scarves. Cleaning products for her home such as paper towels, Clorox wipes and dish sponges.



Sending *Help And Real Essentials*

SHARE Project – Holiday 2023

Donor Enrollment Form

NAME:

COMPANY OR ORGANIZATION:

PHONE :

EMAIL:

ADDRESS:

PARTICIPATED IN SHARE PREVIOUSLY? ☐ YES ☐ NO

I/WE PREFER TO SPONSOR:

☐ SENIOR ☐ Family ☐ DOESN'T MATTER

I/WE WANT TO SPONSOR:

☐ ONE RECIPIENT ☐ OTHER (SPECIFY # HERE) _____

Return this form in October

Profiles will be emailed out in November to donors

**Items dropped off the first two weeks of December, 9am to 4pm,
18255 Victory Blvd. in Reseda (Etiwanda/Victory), of our new location 8956
Vanalden Ave in Northridge
Please check your profile for the location.**

EMAIL volunteer@onegeneration.org