



The Community Action Council (CAC) of Howard County has recently started their Giving of Hope campaign – an ideal opportunity for LHC (and friends of LHC) to support young students and their families in a holiday-spirited way.

This seasonal giving program, *Adopt-A-Student*, is an effort to provide our amazing community with an opportunity to provide a gift set to each of CAC's Early Childhood Education (ECE) students during the holidays. As seasonal costs increase, this program helps alleviate additional financial stress on families and ensures all ECE students receive a special gift this time of year!

To make each student's experience equitable, CAC has created a standard shopping list for donors to use when they Adopt-A-Student; the list includes socks, additional clothing, pajamas, shoes, art supplies, and a toy.

Please [click here](#) to access CAC's google doc to select those items that you pledge to purchase for students in Old Cedar Lane Classroom A (17 total), with gift sizes and preferences noted. Please fill out the orange columns indicating your name and contact email. Donors may sign up for one (or multiple) item(s) for a given student or multiple items for different students. To ensure all designated donation items are reserved, individuals are asked to sign up by *Wednesday, November 30*.

Leadership Howard County will be collecting these items (UNWRAPPED) and placed in pre-labeled bag(s)/student(s) name during our General Membership Breakfast, featuring Tracy Broccolino, CAC President, on **Friday, December 16 from 8 to 9:30 am** at The Meeting House. CAC will distribute donations to their families. If you are unable to drop your donations off on the 16th, donations may be delivered to LHC (6760 Alexander Bell Drive, Ste. 260 – Columbia, MD 21046) **Monday, December 5, Wednesday, December 7, or Tuesday, December 13 – from 10 am to 4 pm each day**. If none of these dates/times work, please email [Karen Bryant](#) to make other arrangements.

We encourage our members to help everyone get in the holiday spirit of giving and share this information with coworkers, friends, and neighbors. If you have additional questions about the Adopt-A-Student program, or any other opportunities through CAC, please contact Michael Werling, Community Engagement Specialist, CAC of Howard County at (410) 313-6329 or via www.cac-hc.org.

Thank you for supporting this amazing effort!