

The Holly Jolly Project

Dear Sir or Madam,

Enclosed is an application for the Holly Jolly Project, a holiday toy program for families. Please copy and distribute to all families, also please feel free to distribute more than once as family's needs may change as the time draws nearer to the holidays. Below is some information about our program.

- **What do we do?**

The Holly Jolly project provides toys for children birth to 14 or 8th grade that are in the communities of Braintree, Chelsea, Randolph, Rochester, Royalton, Strafford, Sharon, and Tunbridge. (other towns may be served on a case to case base depending on the need.)

- **How are we different from other toy give a ways?**

The Holly Jolly Project continues to fill requests for toys up until Christmas Eve, while other give-a-ways have a deadline for applications. We have found that the neediest families are those who come through at the last moment. They are the working poor who thought they would have enough resources to cover, they are the families who are often faced with making decision like: the family car broke down and they have to choose between buying presents and fixing the car and they are most often new comers to the world of services. We do have a return by date on our application but that is only to encourage families to send back the application as soon as possible. We do take applications after that date as is stated on the application. Our ability to serve late application is always connected to how much support we get from the community.

- **Our history and Who's involved?**

The Holly Jolly Project is one of the oldest and longest running holiday gift programs in the community. Holly Jolly is a non-funded program that originated at CVCAC and was taken over by two parents from the community Prudence Pease and Joan Colburn. It was passed down to another area parent Pam Doyle in 2003. Pam Doyle is the Head Elf and director/coordinator of the program working with; Community Action, Randolph Chamber of Commerce, Valley Bowl of Randolph, Colburn's Store in Strafford, local area businesses, churches and people from the community. We operate only by donations and help from community members. We do not receive any government (Federal, State, or Local) funding. All gifts and donations stay in the community. Many of the local "Angel Trees" or "Mitten Trees" are children that are being served by this program.

- **How do Applications get distributed?**

Applications are distributed through the Central Vermont Community Action, Orange County Parent Child Center, VNA, schools, daycares and churches in the towns served receive applications to distribute. Families may also call the program and one can be sent directly to a family or it could be emailed. We also have a Facebook page with applications available on it. We can email them out but still need the "hard copy" sent back to the program to process it.

- **Why do we do this without a cut off date?**

One year after our toy give away night we had a small box of gifts left and three days to go till Christmas and as always on Christmas eve night we received a call about a family in need not only of gifts but also of a tree and of a Christmas dinner. Holly Jolly delivered. When we receive cash donations from the community it is instances like these that those kind of donations support. When I began on this journey I did it for the wonder in the children's eyes – we don't have a cut off date and we do that for the relief in the parent's eyes.

I thank you for your part in this program by helping to distribute applications to families in need. I would also like to point out that sometimes the families that are in the most need are the ones we don't know about and by sending out applications to all we can help those that may have otherwise gone with out.

Sincerely,

Pamela Doyle

Pam Doyle, Head Elf

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The Holly Jolly project provides toys during Christmas time to families in need in the communities of Braintree, Brookfield, Chelsea, Randolph, Rochester, Royalton, Strafford, Sharon, and Tunbridge. To be eligible you should not be served by another gift program. We serve children birth to 14 or up to 8th grade.

Instructions: **Parents/Guardian** must complete and **sign** this application and return it to the address above by **November 11, 2021**. Applications received after this date will be filled if possible. (***Please send in late applications or call if you receive this late!!***) Please be sure to include **all** contact information. We will notify you by December 8, 2021 through US mail with a date, time and location to pick up gifts.

**Mother _____ **Father _____

Mailing Address _____

Home Phone _____ Message Phone _____

E-Mail _____

What town do you live in? _____ ***Person who will be picking up gifts:** _____

Number of Adults in home: _____ Number of children in home: _____

Income Guidelines: To be eligible for gifts from the Holly Jolly Project families must be within the following gross monthly income guidelines:

Household Size Monthly Income

1	\$1,801
2	\$2,496
3	\$3,053
4	\$3,678
5	\$4,304
6	\$4,931
Each Additional Person	+\$628

Please describe any extenuating circumstances that contribute to your need for assistance this year or anything else you would like our program to know.

Gifts are given to children thru the 8th grade or 14yrs of age.
Please do not ask for clothing, violent or battery operated toys.

There is a \$30 LIMIT ON GIFT!!!

Information:

Child's first name Age M/F Suggested Gift

Pick-up of gifts will be available in Randolph – Dates, location and times have not yet been decided. You will be notified by mail as to these dates and time so please be sure to give your correct mailing address and a phone number you can be reached at (See front of application). If this application is late I might contact you by phone or email. Feel free to call or email me (best way) with questions.

Season Greetings from the Holly Jolly Project and
Head Elf: Pam Doyle and Junior Elf: Jade Elias.

I verify that the information stated on this application is true of my current situation and that my household income is within the stated guidelines. **I also verify that I am the custodial parent/guardian of the above children. I verify that the children have not been served from any other gift program or in a second family home.

Parent Signatures_____

*Please note that unless you have contacted me and made other arrangements prior to the pick up date I will not release gifts to anyone other than who is listed to pick them up. This is for your benefit so that there is no confusion. There will be a form to sign stating that you received your gifts when you pick them up, Thank you for your understanding.

**Children of multiple families will only be served by the custodial Parent/Guardian if you share custody it is up to you to designate which household they will be served through. We do check with our data base on age and household.