

The Holly Jolly Project

♥ Toys • Hope • Community ♥

Bringing a little extra joy to children during the holiday season.

Look for laminated mittens with children's wishes at:

Bar Harbor Bank in Randolph

and

Valley Bowl in Randolph

How You Can Help

Applications need to be back by

November 20th!

What Do We Do?

The Holly Jolly Project provides toys for children from birth to 14 (or 8th grade) who live in the communities of Braintree, Bethel, Chelsea, Randolph, Rochester, Royalton, Strafford, Sharon and Tunbridge.

(Other towns may be served on a case-by-case basis depending on the need.)

How Are We Different?

We continue to accept applications for toys up until Christmas Eve. Other programs have a deadline, but we know the neediest families often come to us at the last moment. Our goal is to help working families, those facing unexpected costs, and new families who may not be familiar with local services.

Our return-by date encourages families to send in applications early, but we will still take applications after that date. Our ability to help depends on the support we receive from the community.

How Do Applications Get Distributed?

You can find applications at the Central Vermont Community Action, Orange County Parent Child Center, VNA, local schools, daycares, and churches in the towns we serve. Families can also call the program and request an application, have one sent directly, or get it by email. We also have a Facebook page with applications. Please remember — even if you get it by email, we still need the "hard copy" returned to process it.

Our History and Who's Involved

The Holly Jolly Project is one of the oldest and longest running holiday gift programs in the community. It started at CVCAC and was continued by two local parents, Prudence Pease and Joan Colburn. In 2003, it was passed to another area parent, Pam Doyle, who is the Head Elf and director/coordinator.

We work with Community Action, the Randolph Chamber of Commerce, Valley Bowl of Randolph, Colburn's Store in Strafford, local businesses, churches, and many community members. We are a non-funded program and rely only on donations and community support. All gifts and donations stay right here in the community. Many of the local "Angel Trees" or "Mitten Trees" are children served by this program.

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 just three days until Christmas. As always, we received a call about a family in need — not only of gifts, but also a tree and a Christmas dinner. Holly Jolly delivered. When we receive cash donations, those kinds of gifts make moments like this possible.

When I began this journey, I did it for the wonder in the children's eyes — now we do it for the relief in the parent's eyes.

Thank you!

I appreciate your help in distributing applications to families in need. Sometimes, the families who need us most are the ones we don't know about. By sending out applications to all, we can help those who may otherwise go without.

Sincerely,
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, Bethal, 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 20, 2026.** 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, 2023 through US mail and by email with a date, time and location to pick up gifts.

Mother_____ Father_____

Mailing Address_____

Home Phone_____ Message Phone_____

Valid and Current E-Mail _____ Please Print clearly!

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.

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Gifts are given to children thru the 8th grade or 14 yrs 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/emaill 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,

Please Sign Below after reading

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.