



SANTA SHOPPE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Our philosophy at The Dream Center is to empower parents to take responsibility to earn Christmas for their children.

We extend this opportunity by offering classes at The Dream Center for parents to take where they learn and earn. The parents receive a dual benefit: learning skills to better themselves, while earning Christmas gifts for their children. The number of classes are based on the number of children being provided for in each family: 1 child=4 classes, 2 children=6 classes, etc. Once a parent completes their classes they will be given the opportunity to set an appointment to shop for their child/children. The Santa Shoppe will be stocked with popular new toys and gifts for children newborn to 18.

The end goal is that parents learn various skills in the classes, i.e. budgeting, healthy cooking, couponing, resume writing, parenting, mental health skills, emotional health skills, and even physical/healthy skills, and then receive the joy of providing gifts for their children that they both earned and picked out for themselves from our Shoppe.

Parents may apply for our program through the guidance office of their child's school. Applications are accepted each year beginning in September and must be completed in full and sent to The Dream Center from the referring school. Applicants can take classes at The Dream Center that are offered Monday through Thursday from 9:30 AM to 8:00 PM. Classes are 1 hour in length and the class schedules change monthly, and are available on our website.

The Shoppe usually opens for its first shoppers in Mid-November with the last shopping day in Mid-December. Our normal shopping days by appointment are Tuesday's, Thursday evenings, and Saturday's.

Each child receives a filled stocking, 3 pair each of new socks and underwear, and 4 gifts chosen by their parent.

Ways You Can Partner With Us

- Donate new toys and gift items for children between the ages of 0-18 years – we can provide a “wish list” of items to you or you can choose your own new toy/gift items.
- Contribute financially toward the purchase of new toys/gift items – we have volunteers who will go and shop on your behalf.
- Provide stocking stuffers for children between the ages of birth to 18 years.
- Donate new underwear for children between the ages of 2-18 years (includes adult sizes).

If you choose to partner with us to make a difference this Christmas season, please call us at 864-644-8885 or email us at santashoppe@dreamcenterpc.org so that we can coordinate all efforts and avoid duplication. Also feel free to contact us with any questions you may have.