

Friends of Cass Christmas Store,

We hope this finds you safe and healthy during this very challenging time. With the leaves falling and the season changing, our thoughts are moving toward planning for Christmas and the 13th annual Cass Christmas Store. And while our world doesn't look the same, Christmas is not cancelled and the need remains high. We have reimagined the Christmas store and to keep everyone safe, things are going to look different this year. We will still be providing gifts and essentials for children affiliated with Cass programs and parents will have the opportunity to provide input and wrap their children's gifts. But rather than a physical "store" with donations made for parents to choose from we will have two ways to provide gifts for these children:

Option One: **Sponsor a Child** currently in a CCSS program:

- Cass caseworkers are working with parents to compile information about each child including age, sizes, clothes and toy suggestions. We hope to preserve the spirit of the store by allowing parents to choose the items they hope to give their child.
- Donors will sign up to sponsor a child and provide gifts for Christmas (\$50-\$75/child)
- Sign up here to [Sponsor one or more children](#); email us at [cassvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:cassvolunteers@gmail.com) if you can't access the google doc form and we will assist you.
- We will match you with children starting in early November with all gifts delivered by **December 13th** (more information will be provided when you're matched).

Option Two: **Donate Gifts "in bulk"** to Support Additional Children

- But wait, you say!! I shopped the clearance sales like you asked me to and I have a stockpile of random gifts at my house!? We need those too! The Cass staff and the Christmas store elves will sort these gifts and fulfill gift requests for those last minute Christmas needs (Rotating shelter). We will still be accepting general donations (new and unwrapped) at the World Building. Call in advance at: 313-883-2277 to arrange a drop off.
- Haven't shopped yet but love the idea? Use this [Amazon Wishlist](#) or hunt for your own deals and have your packages shipped direct to: Att'n Cass Christmas Store to 11745 Rosa Parks Blvd Detroit MI 48206
- These new and unwrapped donations will need to be received by **December 18th**.

We have been so fortunate to receive your generous donations of gifts and volunteer time in past years and we hope that you will support us this year. While we will miss the joy of being together for the Christmas store, we take comfort in keeping the spirit of Christmas alive through our 2020 modified program.

Should you be willing to commit to a larger donation or know someone who will, please reach out direct. Now more than ever, we need the generosity.

With our gratitude,

Cass Christmas Store Elves: Kierstin Koellner, Pam Vandekerkhove and Amy Bouque  
on behalf of the year round Heroes: Faith Fowler & Sue Pethoud

