

Dear TCBA Members:

The 2020 holiday season is quickly approaching, and a lot of lives have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Everyone's life has been affected, some minimally, but others have had deep effects to their personal and economic lives. The Thurston County Bar Association (TCBA) is committed to bringing holiday cheer to those in need by continuing to support the Salvation Army's Adopt-A-Family Program. The TCBA Board of Directors suspects that need will be higher this holiday season than in past years, and we are asking our members to continue to support this program in these uncertain times.



The Adopt-A-Family Program matches families in need with firms or individuals who will provide them with gifts and other necessities listed on the families' "wish list." The "wish list" includes requests for toys, clothing, sport and electronic equipment, and other household essentials like blankets, towels, and sheets. Sponsors are asked to provide three or more wrapped gifts (plus stocking stuffers) for each family member on either Monday, December 14, 2020, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; or Tuesday, December 15, 2020, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The wrapped gifts should be delivered to the Salvation Army building at 1505 4th Avenue East in downtown Olympia. The assignment of families is scheduled to start by November 18, 2020, and we hope to get the families to our sponsors before Thanksgiving.

We are encouraging firms to sponsor an entire family this year. This allows the TCBA to not only sponsor more families, but also allows for other activities during the virtual annual meeting and holiday luncheon. The more response we receive, the more families we can help. We are hopeful that those members that cannot attend virtual event on December 11, 2020 luncheon or those who would like to make an early commitment to adopt a family will let us know as soon as possible so the TCBA can continue to make a difference in our community during this holiday season.

For the 2019 holiday season the TCBA sponsored 24 families (95 individuals) and helped them have a happy holiday season. To sponsor a family, please email TCBA Administrative Assistant Heather Ligtenberg at tcba.info@gmail.com with your information and request for a family or families. The families are categorized as Small (one to three persons), Medium (four to five persons), and Large (six or more persons). Please let Heather know as soon as possible (and no later than Monday, December 7, 2020) if you are interested in participating in this most rewarding event.

We usually "pass the hat" around our holiday luncheon, and due to the virtual nature of the holiday luncheon, we plan to "pass the hat" virtually this year. These donations are used to purchase Safeway gift cards so our adopted families have a little extra money to pay for groceries. If you would like to donate ahead of time, please visit thurstoncountybar.com/donate.

I thank you on behalf of the Thurston County Bar Association Board of Directors.

Geoff Hulsey
Committee Chair

