Northern Michigan Chapter Basic Needs

Family Empowerment

Christmas Shopping Program

**Timing, duration, frequency of program**

Annually, November – December

**Fiscal Information**

Budgeted expense total for program last year: $25,000

Value of in-kind donations (estimated total): $1727

**Partnerships**

Dept. of Health and Human Services, Petoskey Schools

What role does your partner(s) have in the program? Provide families in need to shop for

**Clients**

Number of children/families served your last fiscal year: 114 children/51 families

Age range of clients served: newborn-19; parents receive food only

**Volunteers**

How many volunteers participate in this program (planning and working): 37

What roles do the volunteers have in this program? The volunteers purchase the gifts that have been requested by the families. They purchase gift certificates for food for the families. The volunteers wrap & deliver the presents to the families prior to Christmas. They communicate with the families to determine the correct sizes, what is needed and where to deliver the gifts.

**Program Description**

Overall goal of this program

What service/materials do you provide to your clients?

An initial meeting is held in October with all the Charitable Organizations in the area that provide food and gifts for Christmas. All the charities share a database of the families that are being aided to ensure that there is no duplication between the agencies. The Department of Health and Human Services provides family information to the Chair of the Christmas Program for Christ Child Society of Northern Michigan. Also, a coordinator with the Petoskey School System provides family information to the Chair.

The Chair coordinates with the Christmas Shopper Volunteers and distributes the forms to the volunteers for shopping. The volunteers submit a request for reimbursement or donation to the Treasurer. We spend approximately $200 for a food certificate for each family and $125 per child for gifts. The gifts include toys, clothing, coats, boots, shoes, etc.

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