

Q: How can I help?

A: Any exposure is helpful so getting our name out there is a great start. Participating in our fundraisers and checking in on our Facebook group or the website will tell you when and what fundraisers are upcoming. Of course, donating money via our website, P1fcu or purchasing an item from a wish list also supports these families. Contact admin@christmasangels.net for volunteer opportunities as well! We appreciate every bit of help we can get.

It truly does take a village!



HOW TO DONATE:

Through our website with PayPal

www.christmasangels.org

or in person at

Potlatch No. 1 Federal Credit Union

or mailed to:

Christmas Angels
P.O. Box 2081
Lewiston, ID 83501

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What is Christmas Angels?

A: Christmas Angels is a 501(3) C Non-Profit organization that provides assistance to struggling families during the winter holiday season.

Q: What kind of assistance?

A: We provide each child with a gift from their wish list and a necessary item such as clothes, shoes or books.

Some families have unique needs such as a power bill that needs to be paid or they may need a gas card for fuel to get a child to and from important medical appointments.

Supporting one family can cost anywhere from \$500-\$1000 depending on family size and need.



Of the Lewis Clark Valley

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Q: How do you find the families in need?

A: Most often the families are nominated by a friend, relative or coworker who has noticed or suspects they may need help. We ask that families do not nominate themselves.

Nomination forms can be found on our website www.christmasangels.net and submitted via the website or downloaded and emailed to admin@christmasangels.net or printed and mailed to PO Box 2081 Lewiston, ID 83501.

After we prioritize the families with the greatest needs and match the amount of assistance needed with our available funds, we begin interviewing the families.

All information is kept private. We treat it as though we are bound by HIPAA and never divulge the identities of our families.



FUNDRAISING

Q: How do you raise money or provide the assistance given to the families?

A: That is where we rely on our community!

We begin fundraising as early in the year as possible with the help of many businesses and volunteers. We have been fortunate to have help from many different kinds of businesses in the valley who have sponsored fundraisers and even donated money.

Private donors may choose to adopt an entire family themselves and one business also adopted a family and made it a teambuilding adventure.

We also post a generalized description of each family's needs in our Facebook group without any identifying information.

Members of our group can purchase an item for a child or family member which frees up any funds we have available for the next item.

It really takes a whole community.

Q: Who started Christmas Angels?

A: Christmas Angels began over 17 years ago unofficially when Christi Dahl Evans lost her Aunt Arlene to cancer. Arlene's passion was to help families by adopting them for Christmas.

Christi carried on this tradition with her sister Chelsey in honor of Aunt Arlene. In 2018 Jeff and Shannon Boren lost her father, Rick Howery very suddenly. One of her best Christmas memories was the year Rick adopted a family in Dallas and had Shannon help so she decided to remember him that way and she and her husband Jeff joined Christi and Chelsey officially and named themselves Christmas Angels in honor of their "Angels".

Q: How much money do the founding members and volunteers make?

A: Nothing, they're all volunteers and every dollar earned goes back to the families with minimal operation expenses. One of our core values is transparency. We want you to know exactly how and where donations are spent.

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