



# CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOPPE

*A place where families are empowered, loved and served with dignity.*

(Emergency Assistance)

Helping Parents provide a Merry Christmas for their children.

## Who can apply?

- Families living in Hardee County and have provided all of the following within the last four months:
  - Social Security Cards for all Household Members (Don't have?: use check stub, income tax return, benefit letters)
  - Photo Identification for all Adult Household Members (must have)
  - Birth Certificates for all Children (Don't have?: use school records, shot records, other legal documents demonstrating legal guardianship)
  - Proof of Income of all Household Members (must have most current paystub, pay record, benefit letter, etc.)
  - Proof of Address (One of the following):
    1. Electric Bill (must have applicant's name on bill)
    2. Current Paystub (must have physical address on stub)
    3. Voter's Registration Card
    4. Lease Agreement or Tax Statement
- Family must demonstrate a financial hardship through an interview appointment or a phone interview.
- Family must have been approved for emergency assistance through Hardee Help Center's program between September 2016 and December 2016.
- Family must have children, either biological or legally placed children, under the age of 17 years old or attending high school.
- Family must not have requested or received a commitment from another gift giving program or church for gifts in 2016.
- Family must not have been approved for the 2014 or 2015 Christmas Gift Shoppe

**What is this about?** Approved parents/guardians will have the opportunity to select up to three gifts from the Christmas Gift Shoppe for their children at no cost, and be provided gift wrapping supplies.

**Where will the Shoppe be located?** The Shoppe will be located at the Hardee Help Center

**When can I select gifts?** By appointment only -  
Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> (9am – 11am and 1pm – 2pm)

**For more details or questions:**

**Hardee Help Center | phone 773-0034**

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