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**Catholic Charities' Family Aid 365 Program**  
***Adopt-a-Family throughout the year.***

It is common for Catholic Charities to receive questions from both clients and community leaders in regards to the needs of families throughout the year. Clients of Catholic Charities may struggle to receive needed supplies on their journey to self-sustainability. The Family Aid 365 Program aims to create opportunities for donors to provide care packages and support to families, who are on the verge of crisis, in order to help the household stretch their budget and remain stable for a year. Care packages relevant to the gender, age, and cultural traditions of the family will ensure that each family will be able to celebrate important milestones as well as manage the everyday struggles of family life.

**Suggested care packages/ gifts could include:**

- Clothing; school supplies; hygiene products; baby supplies; birthday presents; sport equipment, etc.

**How does it work?**

1. Potential donors can contact Basic Needs Department or visit Catholic Charities online website at [www.ccab.org/basic-needs](http://www.ccab.org/basic-needs) to complete a donor sign-up form.
  - a. Return it by email to [basic\\_needs@ccab.org](mailto:basic_needs@ccab.org) or by mail to the: Basic Needs Department at 185 Columbia Rd, Dorchester, MA 02121.
2. The Family Aid 365 "Donor Sign-up Form" will identify demographics you can request to assist, such as: veterans, formally homeless families, those living with Chronic Illness, etc.
3. Donors will be matched with clients:
  - a. Donors may choose to be anonymous or provide the services directly to the client.
  - b. Catholic Charities will help manage the relationship between the donor and client by:
    - i. Assisting communication with the family as needed;
    - ii. Assisting with the shopping as needed;
    - iii. Assisting with anonymous relationships as requested.
4. Catholic Charitie staff will worked with identified families to develop a needs list/ suggested donation list.
5. Staff will coordinate delivery of donations from the donor to the family.

By adopting a family you will be helping them to fill some of the gaps that remain in their budget. The road to self-sustainability can be hard to navigate for families, but with your help they are one step closer to reaching that goal.

Thank you,

**Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Boston**  
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