

**IRC Winter Program
Seattle Open Door Church**

Seattle Open Door Church is going to be sponsoring several families for this event. You can partner with us. Learn more after you read about the IRC Winter Program.

IRC Winter Welcome Program matches community sponsors with newly arrived refugee families resettled by The IRC throughout the past year. These families have escaped perilous and oppressive conditions in their home countries, and have undergone extremely difficult circumstances in order to reach the United States, and begin rebuilding their lives. Several families arrive in the U.S. with little more than the clothes on their backs, and hope for a better future.

Each Adopt-a-Family sponsor will be asked to donate children's gifts, a gift card, an educational or work-related gift, and a gift for that will benefit the family as a whole. All donors and families are invited to our Winter Welcome Festival, taking place on Saturday, 12/10, for gift distribution and general merriment.

How it Works:

- Purchase one gift per child, a gift card, an educational/work-related gift, and a gift to benefit the family as a whole*
- Remember to keep all receipts - we will need them along with gifts
- Drop unwrapped gifts (and receipts) off at The IRC in Seattle at 100 S King Street, Suite 570, between the hours of **9am and 5pm, M-F, 10/24/16 - 12/09/16.**
- Attend the Winter Welcome Festival (optional, but highly recommended) at [Showalter Middle School](#), on Saturday, December 10th from 12-3pm. This will be a fun event for the whole family where you'll be able to meet participating families, joining us here in Seattle from across the globe.

Please Note:

- Size of family is defined by number of children 18 and younger.
- Total family size will vary but gifting expectations are based on number of children NOT total number of family members
- Participants 18 and younger qualify as children
- To ensure equality amongst families, any additional gifts will be distributed at our discretion
- All proceeds will go toward family gifts and winter party expenses.

Gifting Recommendations:

- **Children's Gifts:** Age appropriate, non-clothing item* (last year's average value was ~\$25) We know it can be difficult to figure out what a child might like based solely on her/his age alone, so here are some online resources that have helpful suggestions:
 - [Healthy Place](#) (written from grandparents but still applicable)
 - [Parents' Choice](#) (oldest nonprofit guide to quality children's media and toys)
- **Gift Card:** designed to give the family the opportunity to shop for themselves (recommended value of \$25/number of children)
 - Examples: Target, Walmart, QFC, Fred Meyer, Good Will, Value Village, etc.
- **Educational or Work-Related Gift:** designed to promote learning and self-sufficiency (last year's average value was ~\$35)
 - Examples: cell phones, laptops, ORCA cards, pre-paid cell phones, Oxford Picture Dictionary, purse, wallet, calculator, watch/clock, toiletry set, electric water kettle
- **Family Gift:** geared toward something the whole family can enjoy that will brighten their days and increase their enjoyment of 'family time' (last year's average value was ~\$50)
 - Examples: cameras, DVD players, board games, outdoor game sets, functional computer

Donate Used Items?

Yes, you may. We use the terms "gently used" or "nearly new" to remind people to give items that are still in working condition and aren't showing too much wear. We hope that each family member will receive at least one new item, but your gently used items are important to us too.

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You may not be able to adopt an entire family, but want to help bless a family? Will you can do that by partnering with Seattle Open Door Church. You can make a donation to cover a gif card or donate a gift card.

For all the details, go to www.sodc.tv/what-we-offer/missions/refugees or give Denise Bell a call at 919-221-2395.