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CHRISTMAS IS FOR KIDS 2018**Return to: 4 Hodges Street, Attleboro, MA 02703****Questions: 508-226-2336**www.councilforchildren.org**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**
class requirements met Y/N
(file # _____)**KID - 1** _____**DUE DATE FOR RETURNING PARENTS: NOVEMBER 10, 2018****RETURNING PARENTS ONLY: all applications submitted after NOVEMBER 10 will go onto a waiting list with no guarantee that your child or children will be matched to a donor.****DUE DATE FOR PARENTS NEW TO THE PROGRAM: NOVEMBER 23, 2018**

Please list all adults who are responsible for providing support for the children listed on page 2

Both parents' names are required even if they not living with the child

Mother's Name (or primary guardian if not a parent): _____

Father's Name (or additional guardian if not a parent): _____

Street Address: _____

Town - Circle one: *Only residents of the towns listed below are eligible for this program.*

Attleboro North Attleboro Norton Plainville Rehoboth Seekonk

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ e-mail: _____

Children are residing with: (circle one) mother father both guardian: _____

Will a translator be needed? Yes No If yes, which language _____

❖ REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION: PLEASE READ AND INCLUDE COPIES AS REQUESTED

- Include one copy of income verification for September, October or November 2018 for each type of income received in the house FOR EVERY ADULT IN THE HOUSEHOLD WHO PROVIDES SUPPORT FOR THE CHILDREN you are applying for
- Include a copy of any SSI income for all adults and children receiving benefits
- Include a copy of a cable and/or phone/cell phone bill for September or October 2018 only
- Rent or mortgage receipt with the address included for September or October 2018 only
- **Copy of MA license or MA picture ID (no passport or out-of-state ID's)**
- Your name and address on all verification information (bills and pay stubs) must match the address given on the application. We are looking for 3 items with matching addresses.
- Legal guardians (not parents) must show guardianship paperwork
- **Please be aware that any tampering of documentation (changing, adding or deleting a name or address) will result in immediate and permanent denial of help.**
- NO copies of birth certificates or social security cards are to be included with the application
- Return 1 application **per family** signed on pg. 2 and 1 story sheet for EACH child

Income: Include the income of all adults who contribute to the household

Employment	mother: \$	father: \$	Per Week / Month
TANF/EAEDC/AFDC	mother: \$	father: \$	/Month
SSI/SSDI/SSA	mother: \$	father: \$	children: \$ /Month
Widow's Benefits/Survivors Benefits	parent: \$	child: \$	/Month
Unemployment	mother: \$	father: \$	/ Week
Child Support/alimony received	mother: \$	father: \$	/Month
No Income - Explain:			

Do you receive food stamps? Yes No If yes, how much per month? \$ _____

Expenses:**Total Bill Owed****How much do you pay per month?**

Heating (circle one: oil, gas, electric, other)	/	
Cable / internet	/	
Telephone and cell	/	
Mortgage/rent	/	

If homeless, where are you staying? Shelter Family Friend

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Child's full name (first & last)	Male/Female	Age	Date of birth	School currently attending
_____	M / F	_____	/ /	_____
_____	M / F	_____	/ /	_____
_____	M / F	_____	/ /	_____
_____	M / F	_____	/ /	_____
_____	M / F	_____	/ /	_____

Please let us know why you are applying and if there are specific circumstances of which we should be aware. If not working, explain why: _____

The Attleboro Area Council for Children is a non-profit citizen run **volunteer** organization, advocating on behalf of children and their families in Attleboro, North Attleboro, Mansfield, Norton, Seekonk, Rehoboth and Plainville.

The Christmas Is For Kids program is for parents or legal guardians who have physical custody of children and have no other means of providing gifts for their children. We accept applications for children ages 0-18 (up to 22 with special needs). If a child attends college or has quit school, they are not eligible for the program. Only custodial parents or guardians can apply for gifts through this program.

Acceptance into the program is not automatic. The Council's Christmas Is For Kids committee will review the information that is submitted to determine eligibility.

As of 2004, in response to the overwhelming requests for help from families over multiple years, the Council implemented a requirement that **all returning participants in our program must fulfill requirements during their first 4 years with us in the calendar year in which they will need help. A listing of available classes or programs that will fulfill this requirement will be made available each year. All parents coming back for a 5th year or more must complete 6 classes, 2 of which must be on budgeting or money management.**

It is the participant's responsibility to update their address with the Council if they move. The Council will attempt to make each applicant aware of other programs that may also benefit the family, such as food stamps, WIC, and heating assistance as well as information about food pantries, free meals and free clothing.

Due to the extreme need again this year, we are asking families who have been accepted into our program to refrain from applying to other local programs so that resources can be allocated through our community to as many families as possible. We expect that if you have been accepted into one program that you will not receive gifts from multiple sources.

Parents who received gifts in any year between 2004 and 2016, and who did not complete the required workshops or volunteer 20 hours or complete their GED or successfully complete a 2017 Spring or Summer college level course will not be assisted. If you have been unable to complete the requirements due to extreme circumstances, please call us.

Please sign your name below indicating that you have read and understand our application process completely.

Parent Signature: _____

Families whose application has been accepted will receive a letter in early December with the instructions as to date, time and place for gift distribution. Gifts will only be released to the parent or guardian whose name is on this application -they must be the one who picks up the gifts. A **birth certificate for each child and valid Massachusetts ID** will be required. **No health cards will be accepted. No passports or out-of-state ID's will be accepted.**

***Distribution Day will be Thursday, December 13th. If you are accepted into the program, check the time slot that is best for you to pick up your children's gifts. We will do our best to work within your timetable, but cannot guarantee it.

9:00 – 1:00 _____ **OR** 2:00 – 6:00 _____ **OR** Anytime _____