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# You Can Help

## DONATE A GIFT OR BACKPACK

Talk to your employer or community group about Leading A Drive or visit [fgt.org](http://fgt.org) in July and November for a list of locations where you can pick up cards/tags and drop off donations.

## DONATE ONLINE

Prefer to make a donation? There are many ways to support our mission and help the community. Visit [fgt.org/donate](http://fgt.org/donate) to learn more and contribute.

## BECOME A CORPORATE SPONSOR

Make a direct impact and become a partner for the Back-to-School or Holiday Wish Drive. Learn more at [fgt.org/partners](http://fgt.org/partners)



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## Uplifting the Community with Kindness



## How We Work

Family Giving Tree partners with local, pre-qualified social service agencies, schools, community groups, and corporations to fulfill the needs of children from families who face financial hardship. Agencies and schools from throughout the Bay Area pick up their backpacks and gifts to distribute in their communities. Each year we operate our Drives from a donated warehouse where we process thousand of gifts and backpacks annually.



## Promoting Philanthropy

Promoting philanthropy is an integral part of our mission; it benefits both those who receive and those who give. Many long-time supporters bring their children when shopping for school supplies and holiday wishes. These children learn a valuable lesson at an early age—to think of others and carry on the tradition of giving back to families in their community. Family Giving Tree is one of the few nonprofits that offer children under thirteen the opportunity to volunteer.



# Our Programs

## HOLIDAY WISH DRIVE

Family Giving Tree offers a way to provide a joyful holiday experience to a child, adult or senior in the Bay Area. We work with Bay Area social service agencies that supply us with the names and wishes of children they serve. A wish card is printed for each individual recipient detailing their age, gender, first name, and wish for a holiday gift. Over a thousand corporations, schools, and organizations lead drives each year.

## BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

Each year, hundreds of thousands of Bay Area students qualify for federal free or reduced-price meals, which means family budgets are tight and access to school supplies is difficult. We help such students by providing a new, supply-filled backpack containing the tools they need to learn and succeed. Donors select a backpack tag with the list of needed supplies per grade level. They return the backpacks and supplies to us, and we sort and distribute them through partner schools to students from families with low incomes.



## Leading A Drive

Family Giving Tree Drive Leaders are critical to each Drive's success. They display wish cards and backpack tags at work, host a Virtual Giving Tree (VGT) online, or both, making it easy for employees and customers to support their community. Drive Leaders are responsible for promoting the Drive, encouraging online donations, collecting donated backpacks and gifts, and returning them to our warehouse to be sorted for distribution.



## Volunteering Opportunities

The success of our programs depends almost entirely on volunteers. They perform the tasks necessary to ensure that all wishes are accurately fulfilled and backpacks contain every item on the school supply list. Every August, our volunteers help stuff and sort thousands of backpacks with necessary school supplies for our bright Bay Area students. During our Holiday Wish Drive, volunteers come together at our donated warehouse to collect, sort and distribute tens of thousands gifts in just two weeks!

