



November 21, 2024

Dear Community Members and Golden West College Employees:

Golden West College CARE Program Adopt-A-Family! The CARE Adopt-A-Family Celebration is used as a tool to provide support services to academically, financially, undeserved single parents who receive CalWORKs funds, while also assisting with recruitment and retention efforts. This event motivates parents while alleviating holiday stress by providing gifts for their children during the holiday season. Through the collaboration of GWC staff, business partners and community members, generous contributions are made. The exposure from this event supports the recruitment of non-participating eligible students, while also assisting with the retention of current ones.

During the holidays, many of our students cannot afford to purchase gifts for their children. We are hopeful you can assist by donating items on the list below. All gifts will be distributed to the students and their children on **Thursday, December 12, 2024**. Your donations will make a big difference.

**Holiday Event Donations Needed:**

1. Our making memories drive is a "family bonding experience" gift drive, where we collect museum, zoo, movie tickets, bowling, rock climbing, escape rooms, roller skating, trampoline parks, sky zone, laser tag, John's Incredible Pizza, art classes, gift cards for restaurants, pirate/Medieval Times dinner adventure, winter fest, for our CARE families. Our goal is to give one activity per family, we have 20 families.
2. Gingerbread houses (20 needed)
3. Christmas stockings and stocking stuffer's for ages 1-17 (30 requested)
4. Unwrapped new toys/gifts for ages 1-17.
5. Appetizers and refreshments such as drinks, desserts, cake, fruit or cheese platters for the day of the event, December 12, 2024.

If you are interested in supporting our CARE families, please deliver these items to the Student Services Building 2nd floor, in the EOPS/CARE office by December 4, 2024 at 4:00 pm. We can also pick-up donations, if needed. All proceeds go directly to the children in celebration of the holidays. All contributions are tax-deductible to the full extent allowable by the law. Please make checks payable to: Golden West College Foundation and indicate "CARE Adopt-A-Family" on the memo. TAX ID # 33-0073702.

We hope you will contribute to this worthy cause. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! On behalf of the CARE students and staff, we thank you in advance for your support! I can be contacted at [Lperez89@gwc.cccd.edu](mailto:Lperez89@gwc.cccd.edu).

Believing in you,  
Lorena Perez, CARE Program Specialist/Adopt-a-Family Coordinator