



# BEYOND SHELTER'S 2011 HOLIDAY ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM

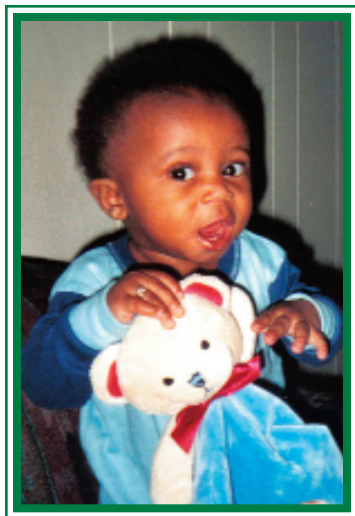
**Make a family's holiday wishes come true!  
CONSIDER THE JOY OF HELPING A FAMILY IN NEED THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**

Through Beyond Shelter's Adopt-A-Family Program, you can make a family's holiday wishes come true and give joy to families in need. This special holiday program connects sponsors with families in Los Angeles County to "adopt" by providing them with a family profile and wish list. Sponsors buy presents for their specific families and deliver them wrapped to Beyond Shelter no later than **Sunday, December 11, 2011**. Case Managers then deliver the presents to the families in the week before Christmas.

The families that get "adopted" through this program are in dire need of assistance. They are all participants in Beyond Shelter's "Housing First" Program for Homeless Families and are either currently homeless (living in a shelter or other temporary emergency housing) or we have just helped them to move into permanent rental housing. They are all in the process of trying to improve and rebuild their lives.

The majority of the families we serve are headed by single mothers raising their children alone. They are families that are surviving on extremely limited incomes and struggle to afford the most basic of necessities. Christmas presents are a luxury completely out of their reach.

In the Adopt-A-Family Program, homeless families get a chance to celebrate in the midst of what is probably the most difficult period of their lives. Just knowing that somebody cares for them can make a major difference in their lives.

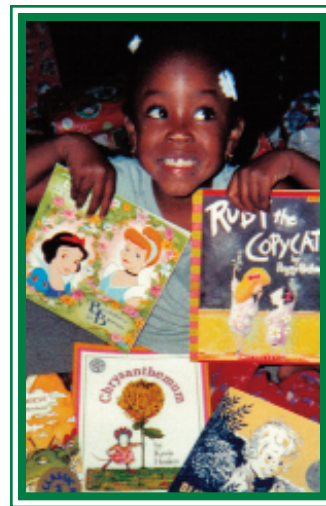


## ABOUT BEYOND SHELTER

*Founded in 1988, Beyond Shelter is a non-profit organization that helps homeless families in Los Angeles move out of shelters into permanent, affordable housing. Each year, we serve hundreds of homeless families, representing thousands of children. Since inception, Beyond Shelter has helped more than 5,000 families to end their homelessness, with an 85% success rate!*

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