



# **GIVE BACK WITH PUZZLE PIECES**

## **ADOPT A FAMILY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**

This year Puzzle Pieces, LLC has partnered with our contact at the Department of Children and Families to help make the lives of children in foster care a bit brighter this holiday season. We will be helping to connect children in need to sponsors who wish to shop for a child or family for the holidays. Gifts can be as simple as one item, several items or a list for an entire family.

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## There are several ways to participate this holiday season:

- Get matched with a specific child, or family in need by contacting our colleague, Julie Gerstel directly at [Julie.gerstel@state.ma.us](mailto:Julie.gerstel@state.ma.us) and letting her know you would like to be a holiday sponsor. She will then ask for your preferences of giving and you will be able to shop for a child or family and return the items to her directly or at Puzzle Pieces for us to deliver on your behalf. Matches will be made through November to ensure prompt delivery in time for the holidays and deadlines of returning items will be given once assigned.
- Purchase general holiday gift items many children need this time of year such as hats, glove/mittens, scarves, socks, art supplies, dolls, legos, blocks, books, family games, sports equipment and playdough and leave them in our collection box for us to give to DCF to give to children as needed.
- Select items from the DCF Comfort Kits list for children that are abruptly placed in foster care without much to take with them and place in our collection box to go to DCF. These backpack items are needed year round and it helps make the transition into foster care a bit more supportive. Items include:

Small Duffel Bag/Backpack  
Pajamas (newborn - adult sizes)  
Blankets  
Shampoo & Conditioner  
Toothbrush & Toothpaste  
Baby Wipes & Lotion  
Deoderant  
Body Wash  
Board Books, Coloring Books, Journals  
Crayons, Colored Pencils, Pens  
Stuffed Animals

**If you are interested but have questions about any of these options please don't hesitate to ask!**

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