

Adopt-A-Family



Founded in 1994 by Melissa Doktofsky, Toys of Hope supports over 65,000 needy **children, their families and their pets** every year. Toys of Hope does not have any paid employees or professional fund raisers - 100% of all donations goes towards helping families in need. Known for "More Than Toys", the charity has created many programs that provide desperately needed goods and services to assist families in becoming self-sufficient and, in turn, helping to improve their children's lives.

The Toys of Hope **Adopt-A-Family** program was set up to assist especially needy families. Families chosen for the program are living in homeless shelters or have been referred to Toys of Hope by county social service agencies, schools, hospitals, fire departments, religious institutions and other service organizations. Members of these families often suffer from illness or disabilities that prevent them from working.

Adopt-A-Family sponsors receive a description of the family and their circumstances. The identities of the families are kept confidential due to the sensitive nature of their individual situations. However, with the family's permission, a photo may be provided to the sponsor.