

## Adopt-a-Family Program helps families in need

We have launched the 2022 campaign and are asking for your generous support. Your involvement can make a significant difference in helping us bring some holiday cheer to our patients and their families.

For an opportunity to participate, please contact Rachel Dourec at RDourec@mednet.ucla.edu.

Every holiday season, UCLA Health Auxiliary coordinates the Adopt-a-Family Program. The UCLA Department of Care Coordination and Clinical Social Work, as well as medical staff, nominate patient families who are facing significant medical challenges and economic diffculties to receive gift cards for gas, food, clothing and other necessities.

When the program started more than 20 years ago, the Auxiliary accepted a range of donations, including clothing and toys. "Recipients appreciated the gifts, but were often more in need of essentials," says Rachel Dourec, chair of the Adopta-Family Program. To better meet

the needs of patient families, the Auxiliary now accepts only monetary donations.

Contributions to the Adopt-a-Family program for the 2022 holiday season will be accepted through December 28, 2022.

If you would like to donate to this year's Adopt-A-Family project, please send a check payable to Adopt-A-Family and mail to: **UCLA Health Auxiliary** 1001 Gayley Ave. Floor 2, Room 17 Los Angeles, CA 90024 For more information visit

uclahealth.org/adoptafamily.