

LOVE THY Neighbor

Christmas Foster Teen Outreach: Gift Cards For Christmas FAQ

Why are you doing this outreach?

In 2019, One Church began a partnership with Franklin County Children Services. During the course of this partnership, we learned that Christmas tends to be a difficult time for foster teens. Typically, many donors want to purchase gifts and toys for little children - teens, who have outgrown dolls and toy cars, are usually forgotten. We set out to change this.

What is the outreach?

In 2019, we set out to collect \$25 gift cards for each of the 775 foster teens within Franklin County. With the support of our church and the entire community, we greatly surpassed our goal. We collected more than \$50,000 worth of gift cards and gave each of the 775 teens three \$25 gift cards for Christmas.

This year, we are expanding this outreach to the entire state. We are partnering with churches across Ohio's 88 counties to provide \$25 gift cards to more than 5,200 teens in foster care.

How long will this run?

The outreach will begin on Saturday, November 7 and run through Sunday, December 13.

Who can participate?

We want the entire community to get onboard! Whether you attend One Church, attend a different church, or don't attend church at all, we are united under one common cause: providing a special Christmas to all the foster teens in Ohio.

Questions? Email [**lovethyneighbor@one.church**](mailto:lovethyneighbor@one.church)

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How can I get involved?

There are 2 ways to get involved:

Participate as an organization

As an organization, you can be the mouthpiece to share the news and collect donations. Last year we had restaurants, dentist offices, businesses large and small collect gift cards from clients, contractors, employees, and the like. All gift cards collected can be dropped off to our Gahanna campus at 817 N. Hamilton Rd., Gahanna, OH 43230

Participate as an individual

As an individual, you may drop off your gift card to one of our campus locations during our weekend service times (see below)

Northwest Campus,
1290 Old Henderson Rd., Columbus, OH 43220
Meet Sundays at 9:30am & 11am

Gahanna Campus,
817 N. Hamilton Rd., Gahanna, OH 43230
Meet Saturdays at 6pm; Sundays at 8:30am, 10am, & 11:30am

You may also give money and we will purchase gift cards on your behalf.

To give a monetary gift, go to **one.church/neighbor** and hit "Donate"

What kind of gift cards are you collecting?

We are collecting \$25 gift cards to restaurants and retail stores. Some examples include McDonald's, Target, Chick Fil A, Rue 21, Wendy's.

What should I write on the Christmas card?

Feel free to use one of the following prompts:

Prompt 1: Merry Christmas! This holiday season, I want you to know that you are special and you are dearly loved. I hope you enjoy this gift!

Prompt 2: It's a joy to give you a gift this Christmas. I hope you feel God's love during this holiday and beyond. Merry Christmas!

Prompt 3: Christmas is a time to share love with those around us and I'm excited to extend that love to you! You are incredibly special and dearly loved. I pray that this small token will remind you just how precious you are.

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