



WHAT IS PROJECT JOY?

Project Joy was launched in 2020 to help make the season bright for families in our community by alleviating some of the burden of the holiday season and fulfilling a wish list of essential items. While most holiday programs focus on younger children, Project Joy specifically responds to the unmet needs of older students and their families. Thanks to the generosity of over 820 Greenville County donors, 420 students and nearly 200 families received essential items like clothing, school supplies and personal care items last year. From donor gifts to volunteer support, Project Joy contributed an estimated impact of \$80,000 in our community.



How can I get involved in Project Joy?

You can support a family as an individual, family, group of friends, or office (just be sure to designate one person to register for the family you select). You can also make a monetary gift at unitedwaygc.org/project-joy.

How can a family receive help?

We accept families recommended via Greenville County Schools. The application period for this year is closed. To be considered next year, contact your school's social worker.

How much should I plan to spend?

Each family is different, but we recommend budgeting approximately \$75-\$100 per student to meet their clothing, personal care, and miscellaneous needs.

Where do I bring my gifts?

You can drop off gifts at United Way of Greenville County on any of our three drop-off dates.

United Way of Greenville County
105 Edinburgh Court
Greenville, SC 29607

DROP-OFF DATES

Thursday, November 18th (2 pm – 6 pm)
Friday, November 19th (10 am – 1 pm)
Saturday, November 20th (10 am – 1 pm)

Should I include gift receipts?

Yes! Gift receipts are not required, but certainly help if the gift – like clothing or shoes – doesn't fit.

Should I wrap the gifts?

Yes, please wrap your gifts before delivering to United Way. We recommend wrapping gifts as individually as possible—because who doesn't love to open a bunch of presents?

How will you know which gifts go together?

It is important that you label each gift with the family number (and specific child within that family if applicable) to avoid any potential mix-up during distribution.

How do I sign-up to support a family?

The needs of each student and family will be posted on our website via an anonymous numbering system. Once you have selected a family, please register for their number so others don't select the same family. By registering for a family, it takes their needs off the website and makes their wish list visible to only you.

I registered for a family but can no longer fulfill my commitment. Can I unregister?

We ask that you not unregister from a family after Nov. 4 to give each family a chance to be selected before the gifts are due, November 18-20. Should you need to unregister after Nov. 4, we recommend you make a monetary gift to Project Joy via the website to help ensure the needs of the family are met.

