



December 1, 2023

Dear Golden West College Community:

Many of our single parent students are unable to purchase gifts for their children for the holidays. Please consider adopting one of our CARE families this holiday season. There are a few ways to participate, either by choosing to "Adopt a Family" with one or more children, donate general items, or direct donations to our CARE Holiday foundation account. All gifts are distributed to the families at the CARE Holiday Celebration on December 15, 2023.

What is the CARE program? It is a categorically funded program under EOPS designed to help single parent students who are receiving CalWORKs achieve academic and personal success. CARE helps qualified GWC CARE students balance those responsibilities by offering financial assistance and support services. Our holiday event is one way we support our single parents and their children.

*Your donations make a difference, here are items we need for the CARE Students/Mom's and their children:*

- ✓ **Monetary donations:** please make checks payable to: Golden West College Foundation and indicate "CARE Adopt- A- Family" on the memo. We are a 501(3)-charity organization the in-kind donation(s) are tax-deductible to the full extent allowable by the law. Once your donation is received, you will be sent a letter from the foundation office.
- ✓ **Gifts for the children;** new unwrapped gift/toys for all ages 1-18 years
- ✓ **Christmas stocking for the children** gift card, candy, chocolates, snacks, small toys.
- ✓ **Gift for the moms:** gift cards to grocery stores, department stores, restaurants, gift certificates, books, candles, jewelry, school supplies, hygiene items etc.
- ✓ **Fun activities they can do together:** movie tickets, museum, zoo, aquarium, bowling, roller skating, painting class, sky zone, theme park, medieval times diner & show etc. We would love to gift all 15 families with an experience.
- ✓ **Gingerbread houses:** We would like to gift one Gingerbread house per family.
- ✓ **Food donations** bakery goods, coffee, drinks, fruit platters for the event.

Please deliver all donations to Golden West College CARE office by December 14<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Donors can also contact Lorena Perez, CARE Adopt -a- Family Coordinator at 714-895-8952 or e-mail [Lperez89@gwc.cccd.edu](mailto:Lperez89@gwc.cccd.edu) to schedule a pick-up day. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. On behalf of the CARE students and staff, we thank you in advance for your support!

Believing in you,  
Lorena Perez, CARE Program Specialist/Adopt- a- Family Coordinator