



# THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF UNIVERSITY CITY

**Transform the Life of Every Student Every Day!**

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Dear Community Member:

Giving to others is one of the greatest gifts we can give to ourselves. The School District of University City and our community have a holiday tradition of helping families who are less fortunate.

Last year, we were able to help 129 families with children in our school district. These families either received gifts from partner organizations (e.g. Santa's Helpers) or donations from individuals, staff members, organizations, churches, businesses, or other people in our community. A typical "adopted" family receives a personal hygiene basket, gift certificate for groceries, laundry soap, toys and clothing for small children or gift cards for clothing for teens.

If you would like to participate you can help in several ways:

- ❖ Adopt a family or a child.
- ❖ Contribute to a gift basket
  - personal hygiene items and/or home cleaning products and clothing detergent
  - gift cards to Schnucks, Aldi's, Walmart, Target, Walgreens or Old Navy.(It is preferable to give several smaller gift cards rather than one large one.)

Please let us know by Tuesday, November 14, if you are willing to adopt one or more of our families. Once you are on board, you will receive an email regarding what the family is requesting for the holiday season. We ask that your donated items be delivered to the University High School by Tuesday, December 5. We deliver the gifts to the families before our holiday break.

If you have any questions, please contact Christine Woodward at University City High School at 314-290-4114 or [cwoodward@ucityschools.org](mailto:cwoodward@ucityschools.org).