
INTRODUCTION

The Community Giving Program is the holiday gift giving program that is organized each year by community resource coordinators (CRC's) to coordinate the gathering and dispersing of gifts, clothes, food and toys to DHS clients. Many local DHS Community Resource Programs and community service partners participate in the program.

Community Giving Program Survey

During the summer of each year, the CRC specialist will send out a survey, to each county. This gives CRCs the opportunity to indicate whether they wish to be provided address labels for various client groups (Food Assistance Program, Medicaid, and Family Independence Program etc.) or have central office assist with mailing to local Family Independence Program and/or State Disability Assistance clients.

Sharing Family Information

The DHS-4086s that are returned to the CRC by clients gives DHS permission to share the family's name with organizations interested in giving gifts to needy families. The DHS-4086 includes family information, directions to the home, gift suggestions and special needs.

Address Labels

Many counties prefer to have address labels provided to enable them to mail out the DHS-4086 locally, or to use a locally created form in lieu of the DHS-4086.

See the Reference Forms & Publications Manual (RFF) Item 4086.