

The Big Bear class has decided to "adopt" a family for the holidays. They have chosen a family from the "100 Neediest Cases" from the St. Louis Area. If you are not familiar with the "100 Neediest Cases," please read the information below about this wonderful program. All the classes and families are invited to participate and support this family. You can click on the sign-up genius link below to see what the family needs. If you choose to contribute, you can add your name to the requested items. We ask that the donations/gifts be brought to the Nursery School on or before Friday, December 16. If possible, please wrap and label your gift.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c48abae2aa1fa7-100neediest>

Thank you for considering donating to this project.

100 Neediest Cases

A TRADITION

For generations, the 100 Neediest Cases campaign has helped thousands of disadvantaged families during the holidays. The tradition dates to 1922, when civic leaders formed the Christmas Bureau. The Post-Dispatch has partnered with the program for more than five decades, renaming the campaign 100 Neediest Cases in 1954. Annual donations to the campaign swelled to \$1.4 million last year from \$400 in 1922.

HOW IT WORKS

More than 70 social service agencies, working through the United Way, identify thousands of needy families. This year, nearly 12,400 cases were submitted. Volunteers then select 100 cases to be profiled in the newspaper. The profiles help raise awareness and encourage donations for the thousands of other needy families.

ADOPT A CASE

Donors can adopt one of the more than 2,000 highest need cases. The 100 families profiled both in print and at STLtoday.com/neediest are just a sampling. The program supplies donors with a list of a family's needs. Donors are asked to meet at least one of the stated needs and provide at least one present for each child. Everything goes directly to the family, through a social worker. Last year more than 800 high-need cases were adopted.