

The Giving Tree

Eight years ago QO started this event to give those in need within our own community a little brighter holiday season. The Giving Tree is a gift giving project where students and their families who would not have much of a holiday season have been selected and we hope that as a community we can provide each and every one of them something special this holiday season. Each year we help over 50 people have a happier holiday season.

The entire process is anonymous and very easy, here is how it works:

- Cards are available on the Giving Trees in QO's Main Lobby – each card has some information about what that person needs or wants including sizes and gift ideas
- Grab a card from the tree, write down your name and which card you grabbed
 - o If you can't make it in to the lobby, you can email Mrs. Colleen Adams at colleen_m_adams@mcpsmd.org to be assigned a card
 - o Or sign-up to get a gift card to either a department store or a grocery store [online through our sign-up genius](#)
- Go shopping for new items for these individuals for the holiday season - purchase a gift or two or three
- Return the new unwrapped items with the card (so we know who they go to) by December 7th to Mrs. Adams in room 128 or the box in the main office

We are working hard to make this year's event another success and we greatly appreciate all your support and generosity this season!

If you aren't sure of what to get or are uncomfortable purchasing gifts for someone you don't know, there are other ways to contribute, you can sign-up for some of the items we need [online through our sign-up genius](#). We are always in need of items such as:

- Dropping off wrapping goods such as wrapping paper, boxes, tissue paper, bows, and decorative bags
- Buying a Gift Card to a local store such as Target, Kohl's JCPenney, or Macy's – these will be used to fill in for missing gifts and be distributed evenly to ensure everyone has something to open this holiday season
- Buying a Gift Card to a grocery store so that we can give each family a meal for the holidays as well as some gifts

Timeline of Events:

- **Monday, November 13th** – Giving Trees and Cards go up in the Main Lobby
- **Friday, December 7th** – All Gifts, wrapping goods, and donations are due back to Mrs. Adams (in room 128) or the main office
- **Thursday, December 13th from 2:45 – approximately 5pm** – Gift Wrapping and Organizing – all students who volunteer will receive SSL hours for wrapping

If you're interested in being involved but won't have a chance to get a card off the tree you can also email Mrs. Colleen Adams at colleen_m_adams@mcpsmd.org and she can send you the information for an individual. If you have any other questions about the Giving Tree please contact Mrs. Adams.