

## **2019 HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS GIFT DRIVE**

Texas Advocacy Project is giving hope to 10 of our survivors' and their families this holiday season through our annual Hope for the Holidays gift drive. Each family has been nominated by a staff attorney to honor and support their transition from a home filled with violence to one of safety. Spread some cheer by shopping from the personal wish lists of each family!

All gifts must be received at The Project's office by Friday, December 6, 2019 where they'll be wrapped and shipped by Santa and his elves in time for the big day.

To view wish lists, learn how to provide a warm meal for a family, and make online donations visit <u>www.texasadvocacyproject.org/holidays</u>. Donations by check may be mailed to Texas Advocacy Project, 1524 S IH-35, Box 19, Austin, TX 78704.

# **THANK YOU AND HAPPY GIFTING!**

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Sofia was a stay-at-home mom to eight children and married to a horribly abusive man for over 30 years. After years of physical abuse and sexual coercion, at the age of 59 years old with one child still in high school, Sofia took the very brave step of leaving. With TAP's help, she will be legally free of her abuser before the holidays. In her late fifties with no work history or education beyond high school, it has not been easy for Sofia to pay her bills and to support her son.

Sofia, Mother Likes coffee and going to the movies and dinner.	<ul> <li>Jeans (12)</li> <li>Sneakers (10 ½)</li> <li>Ankle socks</li> <li>Microwave</li> <li>Waffle Iron</li> <li>Tortilla Press</li> <li>Starbucks gift card</li> <li>Word search puzzles</li> <li>Micro USB Android charging cord</li> <li>Steering Wheel Cover (1997 Toyota Camry)</li> <li>Throw Pillows (couch)</li> </ul>
17, Son Likes going to the movies and playing video games.	<ul> <li>Mouse and keyboard for computer</li> <li>Earbuds</li> <li>Bicycle</li> <li>Steam Video Game gift card</li> <li>Pillows for bed</li> <li>Body spray</li> <li>Deodorant</li> <li>Chocolate candy</li> <li>Disposable razors</li> <li>Jacket (L)</li> <li>Long sleeve or button up shirt (L or 16-34)</li> <li>Pants (W 32/ L 34)</li> <li>Joggers (L)</li> <li>Pringle chips</li> <li>Hot Cheetos with limon chips</li> <li>Pizza gift card</li> </ul>

## Madelyn's Family

Madelyn was married to her husband for 9 years. During that time, he was physically and emotionally abusive. In 2016 her husband brutally abused her in front of her daughter. The assault permanently damaged Madelyn's face, causing her to receive over 5 surgeries. Madelyn works as a Special Education Teachers Assistant but struggles to pay her bills and provide the basic needs of her family. Madelyn worked closely with her TAP attorney to obtain a divorce and is now able to begin the process of healing from her past trauma.

Madelyn, Mother	Flat Screen Smart TV	SeaWorld gift card
	Grey King Comforter	Shoes (women's 11)
Going to the movies and	Sweater (2XL)	Board games
playing board games.	Coat (2XL)	
9, Daughter	Heavy coat (10/12 girls)	Fingernail polish
	Pants (10/12 girls)	Lip gloss
Likes pink, going to the	Shoes or boots (2 1/2 -3)	Earrings
movies, and mini golf.	🗆 Underwear (10/12)	GameStop gift card
		The Pigeon books
5, Son	Heavy coat (7/8 boys)	Small super hero's toys (small
	Pants (7/8)	Spiderman, Hulk, or Thor)
Likes red, going to the	Shoes (12-121/2 boys)	Underwear (7/8)
movies, and mini golf.		<ul> <li>Anything superhero, DC comic, or Marvel</li> </ul>

### Julia's Family

Julia, the mother of five children, contacted Texas Advocacy Project to terminate the parental rights of her abusive ex-husband. He is currently serving a life sentence for the aggravated sexual assault of one of the children. However, during the course of the investigation, it was revealed that he had sexually assaulted <u>all</u> of her children, three of whom are disabled. Let's help this family move past their traumatic past and celebrate Christmas creating new memories.

Julia, Mother	To fix the windows to home so it won't be cold this winter	<ul><li>Haircut</li><li>Black boots (9)</li></ul>
Likes arts & crafts, spending	□ Table with chairs	
time with children, walking,	<ul> <li>Heaters</li> </ul>	Heating pad
nature, music (K-Love).		Queen mattress in a box
	□ Jacket (2XL)	Nail polish
	Shoes (9)	Perfume
	Shirts (2XL)	Makeup
	Earrings	Chap stick
	Face Mask	
18, Daughter	Full mattress in a box	Fuzzy socks
	Pillows	Earrings
Likes drawing,	Pants (16 women's)	Scrunchies
painting, powerlifting,	🗆 Underwear (XL)	Candles
volleyball.	Bra (38D)	Makeup
	Chap stick	Nursing equipment for college
16, Daughter	Purple crocs	chap stick
	IPhone 8 plus- cricket	Snickers
Likes color guard,	White Vans (8)	Reese's pieces
band, drawing.	Colorful socks	Makeup
	□ T-Shirts (L/XL)	Colorful pens
	□ Jacket/Hoodie (L/XL)	Markers
	Queen Comforter	
9, Son	Twin mattress in a box	□ Glow sticks
	□ Socks	□ Flashlight
Likes playing on trampoline, swimming,	<ul> <li>Hoodie (10/12 boys)</li> <li>Shirts (10/12 boys)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Playdough</li> <li>Cars</li> </ul>
running, sharks, cats,	<ul> <li>Shirts (10/12 boys)</li> <li>Pillows</li> </ul>	
butterflies, pencils.	Pillows	
8, Daughter	□ Socks	Chopstick
	Hoodie (10 girls)	Nail polish
Likes coloring,	Leotard for tumbling (10)	
painting, tumbling,	□ Shirts (10 girls)	Flash lights
cat's, LOL doll's.	□ Shoes (2 girls)	□ Tablet
	□ Boots (3 girls)	□ LOL dolls
	Paint & Canvas	Mermaid tail

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	Twin mattress in a box	Playdough
8, Son	Socks	Glow sticks
0, 5011	Hoodie (10/12 boys)	Watch
Likes playing on	□ Shoes (1 ½ boys)	Skates with lights
trampoline, kickball,	□ Shirts (10/12 boys)	🗆 Bike
and swimming.	□ Cars	Walkie Talkie

# Lily's Family

Lily endured physical and emotional abuse at the hands of her ex-partner for years. She was able to gain enough courage and strength over a year ago to leave the abusive relationship. Since leaving, her partner and his family have continued to harass her and use the system to further control her. Texas Advocacy Project is helping Lily permanently escape the control by moving her divorce forward. Lily has four children, one of which has a disability. Help provide a great Christmas to this deserving family this season!

Lily, Mother	Gift card for groceries (Sam's Club)	Underwear (Women's XL)
Likes going to the movies,	Gas gift card	Clothes (Women's XL & 2XL)
spending time with her	Eternity perfume	Bra (38DD)
kids, beings a sports	Bath and Body Works lotion and	Socks
mom, and having her nails done.	soap	Nail care kit
19, Son	Whataburger gift card	
Likos working out	GameStop gift card	
Likes working out.	Best Buy gift card	
	Black Nike hoodie (Men's XL)	
18, Son	GameStop gift card	
Likes playing games	McDonalds gift card	
	Best Buy gift card	
online.	Cinemark gift card	
	Black Nike hoodie (Men's XXL)	
16, Daughter	Nike Huarache shoes	🗆 Underwear (Women Small)
	Workout clothes (Women XS/S)	Headbands
Likes playing sports,	School clothes (Tops XS/S Pants 1/2)	🗆 Bra (34 B)
listening to music, and drawing.	Art supplies	
14, Daughter	<ul> <li>Workout clothes (Women's M tops and L bottoms)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Clothes (Women M tops and 13 pants)</li> </ul>
Likes volleyball, softball,	<ul> <li>Makeup vanity with stool</li> </ul>	□ Bra (36 DD)
decorating nails, and	□ Blake Nike Huaraches	Perfume
watching movies.	<ul> <li>Black Nike Backpack</li> </ul>	Nail stuff
-		Pants (Junior 13)

## Elizabeth's Family

Elizabeth and her ex-husband were married for 10 years. During the marriage he was physically and emotionally abusive resulting in a judge immediately granting her a protective order once she was able to break free. Elizabeth urgently needed a divorce to escape the violence she had experienced for so long. For the first time in her life, Elizabeth is learning how to live independently and how to model healthy and safe relationships for her children. She has her own apartment and a fulltime job. Help provide a wonderful first Christmas for this family.

	Walmart gift card	
Elizabeth, Mother	5	Make-up (Ulta or Sephora)
	Victoria Secret gift card	Hygiene products
Likes sugar skulls, going to	Bath and Body Works gift card	Bubble bath
the movies, and spending	Torrid gift card	Body wash
time with kids.	Bath bombs	□ Lotion
	Cooking utensils	Converse Shoes (Women's 10)
	Face masks	Lipstick/ chap stick (pink or red)
		Bra (42D)
13, Son	Nintendo Switch	Original Vans (9.5)
	Game Stop gift card	Nike Crew Cut Socks
Likes anything Nike,	Best Buy gift card	Solid Shirts (Men's L)
playing video games,	Wal Mart gift card	Hygiene Products
and playing football.	X-Box gift card	Cologne
	Bluetooth Headphones	Pop Socket for phone
		Candy/Snacks
0.5	Boxing Shoes (4y)	Athletic Shoes (4y)
9, Son.	Boxing Gloves	Workout Clothes (14/16)
Likes boxing, outdoor	Boxing Hoodie	Pants and Shirts (14/16)
activities, and sports.	Athletic Jump Rope	Cologne
	Tablet	Headphones
	Wal Mart gift card	Pop Socket for phone
	Socks	Candy/Snacks
	Hygiene products	
4, Son	Toy Story Toys	Hygiene products
4, 3011	Paw Patrol Toys	🗆 Underwear (6)
Likes Paw Patrol, Toy Story,	PJ Mask Toys	🗆 Pajamas (6)
watching cartoons, and	Tablet	Clothes (6)
playing outside.	Puzzles	Shoes (10.5)
	Books	Candy/Snacks

#### Tessa's Family

Tessa was in a very violent and abusive relationship. One night her abuser threatened to maim Tessa and her son came in to help as she ran out to call 911. As she ran out of the house, he shot his stepson several times. Texas Advocacy Project helped Tessa and her family immediately obtain a life-saving protective order. Fortunately, Tessa and both her children are doing well and Texas Advocacy Project is doing everything the law will allow to permanently separate her from this dangerous man. Tessa and her children are looking ahead to a new life, free of abuse.

Torco Mothor	Blue Apron Subscription	Earrings
Tessa, Mother	<ul> <li>Sephora gift card</li> </ul>	Rubik's Cube
Likes working out, playing	Self Help Books	Citrus Candle
with kids, and cooking.	□ Coat	Sparkly Pillow
	Beanie	Reusable Under Eye
	New Bedroom Set	Patches
40.5	Earbuds	Shoes (10)
18, Son	Laptop (windows)	Coat (XL)
Likes playing video games,	LoveSac Chair	🗆 Beanie
super heroes, music, and	Game Stop gift card	Double Stuffed Oreos
reading.	Heavy Blanket	Skittles
-	Comforter and Sheets (Full)	Honey Buns
	Sunglasses	Root Beer
	Bicycle	Shoes (11M)
4, Daughter	Minnie Mouse helmet	Coat (5/6 T)
_	Musical Hop Skipper	🗆 Beanie
Likes Minnie Mouse,	Easel Stand	Winter Clothes (5/6 T)
Moana, Frozen, reading,	Coloring and Painting supplies	Toothbrush
music, and watching things	Picture Books	Minnie Mouse Lip
grow.	Watch it Grow Planter	Gloss
	Comforter and Sheets (toddler)	Alphabet magnets
	□ Pillow	Fuzzy Socks
	<ul> <li>Disney on Ice tickets (contact TAP)</li> </ul>	Bubble Bath Bombs

## **Bianca's Family**

Bianca suffered physical, sexual, and emotional abuse at the hands of her husband. His control went as far as installing cameras in their house to track Bianca's every move. Bianca knew she needed to act fast when he physically assaulted her outside their church in front of their son. With the help of Texas Advocacy Project, Bianca was able to create a safety plan that helped her and her son escape the violence and find refuge. Bianca was able to obtain a protective order and is now in the process of filing for a divorce. Since seeking safety, Bianca has been able to secure a new teaching position and her own home. Help Bianca and her son start their new life free from fear and filled with hope!

Bianca, Mother	Bluetooth earbuds	□ Socks
Likes reading mystery	Women's Cruiser Bike	Make-up brushes
novels, playing games,	Medium Yeti	Nail polish
puzzles, and baking.	Vinyl Record: Lauren Daigle's	Pens/markers
	Look up Child	Chap stick
	Workout clothes (M	<ul> <li>Bubble Bath</li> </ul>
	tops/bottoms)	Home Décor/Picture Frames
	Queen Sheets	<ul> <li>Bullet Blender</li> </ul>
	Rain boots (8)	
4, Son	Bike with training wheels (16	Bath toys
	in)	Books
Likes transformers	The Action Bible	Nerf darts
(Bumblebee), hot	Bike Helmet and Knee Pads	Hot Wheels
wheels, Legos, trucks, construction vehicles, action figures, and baseball.	Playskool Transformers	Coloring books
	Bumblebee Track	Reusable cups with Lid/Straw
	Walkie Talkies	Kids Character plates
	Rain boots (size 10)	<ul> <li>Pajamas (5T)</li> </ul>

## Amelia's Family

Amelia has endured physical, emotional, and verbal abuse at the hands of her husband. She is now a single mother taking care of two young children. Amelia has learned that upon filing for divorce, her husband disposed many of her and her children's personal and sentimental belongings. She works hard to support her two children while healing from the aftermath of her husband's physical and emotional abuse. Amelia would greatly appreciate the opportunity to make this Christmas special for her and her children.

Amelia, Mother	Shoes (10 Wide)	🗆 Spa Day
	Chocolate	Walmart/ Target gift card
Likes walking, reading,	Fingernail polish	Restaurant gift cards
scrapbooking, sewing,	Eye shadow	
exercising, learning, camping, and swimming.	<ul> <li>Gift card to zoo (contact TAP for more information)</li> </ul>	
6, Son	Lego set with Lego people	Socks
	□ Books	Sunglasses
Likes Legos, video	Toy puppets	Suckers
games(Wii), robots,	Shoes (13)	Chocolate
movies, and	Pants (6 Boys Long)	
dinosaurs.	Long sleeve shirts (6 Boys)	
5, Daughter	Electronic toy dog	Candy
	Masquerade mask	Play makeup
Likes Elsa & Ana from Frozen, play babies, the park, dogs, horses, painting, and unicorn with wings.	Big white horse	Sunglasses
	Pants (6 Tall)	Hair bows
	Shirts (6)	Get ears pierced
	Socks	
	Shoes (13)	

## Brianna's Family

Brianna was referred to Texas Advocacy Project by her local shelter advocate. Her ex-husband was physically and sexually abusive and monitored her every move. Brianna and her son were unable to see each other for years after she fled from the abusive relationship. During this time The Project helped prepare Briana successfully for her case resulting in her being appointed Sole Managing Conservatorship of her son. Briana fought hard to establish a safe and happy home for her son and this will be the first Christmas they will spend together after many years apart!

Brianna, Mother	Gas gift card	Queen Comforter (black)
	Bath & Body Works gift card	Queen Sheets (black, gray,
Like Bath & Body Works and	Wal Mart gift card	purple)
reading mystery books.	Amazon gift card (kindle	Frames
	books)	Shirts (M)
	□ TV	🗆 Jean (7)
14, Son	Hover board	□ Shoes (11 ½)
	Bluetooth Speaker	Joggers (L)
Likes drawing, going	🗆 Bike	Game Stop gift card
to the movies, and playing video games.	Drawing supplies	Best Buy gift card

## Diana's Family | 18:M 17:M 13:M 12: F

Diana knew she had to leave her husband when years of controlling behavior escalated into abuse happening right in front of their children. When he suspected she was going to leave, he acted fast. He got an attorney and used the court system against her to take the children. She found Texas Advocacy Project and was provided an attorney for free. Her attorney helped her receive the court orders she needed: a divorce, a protective order, and custody of her kids. These orders provided safety for her family and gave them the future they deserved.

Diana, Mother Likes makeup and coffee.	<ul> <li>Sephora gift card</li> <li>Ulta gift card</li> <li>Torrid gift card</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Laptop</li> <li>Starbucks gift card</li> </ul>
18, Son	<ul><li>Shoes (9.5)</li><li>Shirts (L)</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Restaurant gift cards</li> <li>Dave and Busters gifts card</li> </ul>
Likes sports, cowboy/western stuff, and oldies music.	Cinemark gift card	
17, Son	<ul><li>Shoes (13)</li><li>Shirts (XL)</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Restaurant gift cards</li> <li>Fast Food gift cards</li> </ul>
Likes playing video games, Game of Thrones.	Pants (38x32)	
13, Son	<ul> <li>Shoes (10.5)</li> <li>Shirts (adult L/XL)</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Cologne</li><li>Watch</li></ul>
Likes sports, especially football and baseball.	<ul> <li>Pants (38x32)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Game Stop gift card</li> <li>Taco Bell gift card</li> </ul>
12, Daughter	<ul> <li>Shoes (9 women)</li> <li>Shirts (XL juniors)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Earbuds</li> <li>James Avery earrings</li> </ul>
Likes James Avery and Chick- fil-A.	<ul> <li>Pants (XE juniors)</li> <li>Pants (15/16 juniors)</li> <li>Purse</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>James Avery earnings</li> <li>James Avery charms</li> <li>Chick-fil-A gift card</li> </ul>