

**Adopt a Child 2017**

*The Unity House Adopt-A-Child offers an enormous holiday program providing gifts for all those receiving services through Unity House, as well as other children in need in our community. Each year Unity House provides gifts to over 1,300 children.*

***Ways in which you can help:***

**Give a cash donation or gift card: Help us buy toys for hundreds of local children in the community.** While the intention is to match children directly with donor families and organizations, monetary donations are a crucial aspect of our program because they allow children that have not been matched to still receive gifts.

**Conduct a toy drive.** Help us by conducting a toy drive by encouraging families, businesses, and organizations to buy and solicit gifts. The Unity House Development Office can provide a suggested toy list. We know that some donors will want to select their own toys and please know that every single gift will be gratefully accepted and placed into the hands of a grateful child.

**Adoption of individual children.** Help us by being matched to a specific child or family which makes the donation process very special. Many parents utilize this experience as a way to teach their own children the significance of giving back within the community, and some employee groups favor this process. That’s terrific! We have countless families that want and need adoption. **We also need gift cards and extra toys for those who come to us late in the season.**

**Please contact Mandy Brown by phone at 518.274.2607 ext.4139 or email at** [**mbrown@unityhouseny.org**](mailto:cbecerra@unityhouseny.org) **to discuss how you would like to help us make the holidays sparkle for children in need!**