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**Applications now available for Hanover Township holiday programs**

Hanover Township families facing financial hardship can now apply online for the annual December holiday sponsor-a-family and toy drive programs. Residents can visit [www.hanover-township.org](http://www.hanover-township.org) to complete an application in English or in Spanish. Applications will be accepted online through December 6 and in-person at the Astor Avenue Community Center, 7431 Astor Avenue, Hanover Park, through December 13.

“Last year 1,026 families were sponsored, and more than 2,841 children received gifts, a 41% increase from 2022,” said Hanover Township Supervisor Brian P. McGuire. “We understand that providing an enjoyable experience during the holidays can be financially difficult and encourage struggling parents and guardians to apply for these programs.”

Once a form is completed, Township staff will contact the resident for more information. Required documents for the application process include a valid ID, a utility bill or piece of mail dated within the last 30 days, birth certificate for children 0-15 years old or medical card showing child’s name and birth date and proof of income covering the last 30 days prior to the date of the application. Additional items may be requested to determine eligibility.

Those wishing to sponsor a family this holiday season can call the community center at (630) 540-9085 or email [holidays@hanover-township.org](mailto:holidays@hanover-township.org).

Donations of new, unwrapped toys can also be dropped off at any Township office.

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