

Adopt a Family for Christmas



HELLO MY NAME IS SAMANTHA & MY HUSBAND IS MATTHEW. WE ARE A FAMILY OF 10, OUR CHILDREN ARE KYLE, KIERSTEN, KASSIDY , SIERRA , KALEB, KONNER , KAYDEN , & KAELYN . WE ARE ALSO EXPECTING OUR FIRST GRANDDUAGHTER. MY HUSBAND IS AN INFANTRY SPECIALIST IN THE ARMY & I AM A STAY AT HOME MOM. HAVING TWO SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN THEY ARE TO DEPENDENT FOR ME AT THIS TIME. WE HAVE RECENTLY MOVED TO FORT LEWIS WA FROM FORT RILEY, KS WHICH HAS BEEN A BIG ADJUSTMENT FOR OUR 8 YR. OLD WHO HAS AUTISM MOVES REALLY ARE HARD FOR HIM BUT HE IS A TROOPER AND THE SWEETEST BOY YOU COULD EVER MEET. ALSO OUR DAUGHTER WHO IS 10 WAS DIAGNOSED WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS ALONG WITH FAS DUE TO HER BIOLOGICAL MOTHER & HAS BEEN HOSPITALIZED OUR FAMILY HAS HAD A LOT OF CHALLENGES THIS PAST YEAR. WE REALLY COULD USE SOME HELP THIS YEAR TO MAKE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL FOR OUR CHILDREN, MY HUSBAND WAS DEPLOYED LAST YEAR & MISSED OUR KAELYN'S FIRST SO I WISH FOR THIS YEAR TO BE SPECIAL. IT JUST FEELS LIKE WE LIVE IN CONSTANT STRUGGLE WITH FINANCES AND DAILY LIFE IT WOULD BE A BLESSING TO JUST HAVE A GREAT DAY WITH NO OTHER WORRIES THIS YEAR. ALTHOUGH OUR LIVES ARE VERY DEMANDING AT THIS TIME WE MANAGE AND DO THE BEST THAT WE CAN ITS JUST EXTRAS ARE FEW AND FAR BETWEEN & WE REALLY HAVE WONDERFUL CHILDREN & THEY DESERVE TO HAVE A GREAT CHRISTMAS EVEN THOUGH WE ARE NOT IN THE PLACE TO GIVE THEM IT THIS YEAR. ANY HELP IS APPRECIATED.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME FOR OUR FAMILY I CANT EXPRESS WHAT THIS MEANS TO US.

Accepting unwrapped gifts, toys, gift cards & clothing. Gifts and Donations can be dropped off at the

Merrell Home;
14024 110th Ave. E.
Puyallup, WA 98374

DECEMBER 9TH, 2011 - DECEMBER 19TH, 2011
Open House to Celebrate the holidays with
hors d'oeuvres and cocktails

December 18, 2011 4pm-9pm
@ the Merrell Home

Contact Staci Merrell with questions 253-732-8740

FAMILY SOLDIER
BY ROGER W HANCOCK

A MAN LOVED HIS FAMILY BEST,
FOR THEM TO WAR HE LEFT.
DILIGENCE WITHIN EACH TASK,
PERFORMED HIS DUTY WELL.

"MATURE AND OPTIMISTIC,
SAID PLATOON COMMANDER.
SENSE OF HUMOR WITH NO NONSENSE,
PUSHED TO GET JOBS DONE.

FAMILY MAN LOVED TO BRAG,
OF A AWESOME WIFE AND SON.
DILIGENCE STEPPED UP A NOTCH,
AFTER A FAMILY CYBER VISIT.

ONCE ASKED, "WHY A SOLDIER?"
"I DO IT FOR MY FAMILY."
WHEN WITHOUT FEAR YOU WALK A MALL,



I want to contribute to:

- Father Mother Boy Girl
- Baby
- Toddler
- Pre-teen
- Teenager
- Young Adult

I want to contribute by:

- Toys/Games Clothes Outdoor Clothing Food
- Personal Items Other _____
- \$ _____ For the Family
- Can not contribute at this time

I have included:

- Money Order in the amount of \$ _____
- Check in the amount of \$ _____
- Gas/Fuel Cards in the amount \$ _____
- Target Gift Card(s) in the amount of \$ _____
- Walmart Gift Cards in the amount of \$ _____
- Other (specify) _____

| Name | Pant/Jean | Shirt | Shoe | Interest |
|---------------------|------------|-------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Matthew | 34/36 | X-LG | 12.5 | |
| Samantha | 7 | LG | 7 | |
| Kyle | 30/32 | MED | 10.5 | Guitar and Production |
| Kiersten (Pregnant) | 3 | MED | 7.5 | Baby girl items |
| Kassidy | 3 | MED | 7 | Pre-teen girl stuff |
| Sierra | 9/10 girls | | 3 girls | Baby dolls & zhu zhu pet |
| Kaleb | 8 boys | | 13.5 - 1 boys | Star war toys |
| Kayden | 5 boys | | 10.5 boys | Dinosaurs & Transformers |
| Konnor | 6 boys | | 11.5 boys | Lego's & Transformers |
| Kaelyn | 24 mo - 2T | | 5 | playing cleaning/cooking |