



# 2023 Cohoes Holiday Hope Info

The Holiday Hope Program is a non-profit holiday assistance program devoted to assisting low-income families with earning holiday gifts for their children. The program provides opportunities for parents to volunteer and/or earn “signatures” on a passport which can then be exchanged for holiday gifts. You will need to have “signatures” on your passport in order to shop for your child this year. The more signatures you earn, the more gifts you can get for your children. The maximum number of signatures you can redeem for gifts will be between 3-6 and will be determined by the number of participants in the program. Signatures can be obtained at your pediatricians office, dentist, or community agencies. If you need a signature for attending a school event (open house, p/t conference, PTA meeting, CSE meeting, etc.) you can have it signed while there, list it on the back of your application, or contact your school social worker after the event.

## **Holiday Hope “signatures” can be earned for the following:**

- Attend Open House/School Events
- Annual Physical Exam/Dental Cleaning
- Attend Parenting Class at Alpha Pregnancy Center
- Parent Teacher Conference
- Volunteer at Mary’s Corner
- Attend Faith Formation Class
- Community Service opportunities (UCC, DPW, etc.)
- Get a Library Card
- Monthly PTO Meeting
- Getting Ahead Class
- Attend GED or ESL Classes
- Attend School Board Meeting
- Attend monthly Bridges Out of Poverty Mtg.
- Volunteer at school

Please contact your child’s School Social Worker with any questions or to obtain signatures.

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## **2023 Holiday Hope Application Process:**

**Step 1:** Complete attached application and include any eligible activities you have participated in on the back (Open House, PTA meetings, updated physical/dental exams, etc.)

**Step 2:** Social Worker will verify info and send home one Passport per family with your child with eligible “signatures”

**Step 3:** Parent attends school events, attends medical appointments, volunteers at school and in the community to earn additional “signatures” throughout the school year.

**Step 4:** Parent brings passport (with signatures) to the Holiday Hope Store and redeems for gifts on designated shopping dates.

**Shopping Dates/Hours:** Friday, December 9th (10am-2pm) & Tuesday, December 12th (9am-1pm)

**Store Location:** Cohoes Senior Center, 10 Cayuga Plaza