



## Giving Tree of Park County

### Who we are?

We started as a small group in Paradise Valley and saw a need that we felt we could help fulfil in our community. We saw that there were programs to bring holiday gifts to children in cities all across Montana but they did not reach our rural community so we started one.

Our goal is to make sure that every child in our area has a gift to unwrap at the holidays. We know that winter can bring on an extra burden to families that might already be struggling so our aim is to help alleviate that.

This program is about bringing smiles to kids during the holiday season and we strive to keep both our donors and our families' information private.

### How to become involved?

**Schools** We ask for your help in identifying the families that need help. We have learned from experience that the school and teachers have a better understanding of the families' needs. Our goal is to make sure that we are helping the families that truly need help.

**Who is eligible-** Kids up to age 18 living with their legal guardian

**Type of gifts we provide-** gifts under \$25- We aim to give gifts that are educational such as books, outdoor games, arts and crafts, board games. We do not give computer games, guns or gift cards

We also provide an item of clothing that the child needs- warm sweater, socks, underwear, coat, hats, gloves, boots etc.

### Timelines

We send out the forms at the beginning of November with a deadline before the Thanksgiving break. This allows us to send out the information to our sponsors who can then partake of the sales around Thanksgiving.

Gifts will be dropped off at the school the last week before the Holiday break allowing parents/ legal guardians to pick up the gifts from the school, this helps us keep names anonymous which is something that we strive for with this program especially since we are working in the rural areas.

### Contact

Maaike Middleton  
[mkmiddleton406@gmail.com](mailto:mkmiddleton406@gmail.com)

Dale Hopkins  
[dale@thekitchenshoponmain.com](mailto:dale@thekitchenshoponmain.com)