

SECRET SANTA PROGRAM

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Here at Branford Counseling & Community Services, our top priority is the health and safety of our Secret Santa Program recipients, donors, and volunteers. We have been closely monitoring the situation with COVID-19 and, after much consideration, we have made the decision to limit overall exposure by giving out only Walmart gift cards to families in the program. Families can choose to shop for their own personalized gifts in whatever method they are most comfortable - in person, online delivery, or online pick-up.

Following increased and overwhelming concerns about the COVID-19 virus, we felt this was the best way to proceed during such an unprecedented global situation. We are disappointed that our participants will miss out on the familiar practice of holiday giving, but we know it's the right decision based on the information we have today.


Please complete the enclosed application and return to us no later than [Friday, November 13, 2020](#) to allow for shopping and delivery time if you choose to shop online.

Since Branford Counseling & Community Services remains closed to the public, please mail your application to: *Branford Counseling & Community Services, 342 Harbor Street, Branford, CT 06405 ATTN: Secret Santa* or drop it in the locked mailbox located outside our rear entrance.

Once your application is processed, we will call you to schedule a pick up time for the gifts cards. For any questions, please call our Secret Santa Hotline at 203-401-1264.

BCCS values this outstanding community effort and we want the Secret Santa Program to continue. One way to insure its continuation of this program is to show appreciation by having your child (ren) (or you) send a thank you note. We are asking for these by January 15th. Please mail or drop them at BCCS and we will forward them to your Secret Santa donor. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT.

Wishing you a happy holiday season.



Peter Cimino, M.S., L.P.C.
Executive Director

