

The Fannin County  
Empty Stocking Program, Inc.

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Fannin County Empty Stocking Program, Inc., founded in 1996, is a non-profit organization whose goal is to assist the children of Fannin County throughout the year, especially at Christmas. Since 2014, we have provided Christmas to over 1,900 Fannin County children, spending over \$208,000. The Fannin County Empty Stocking Program, Inc. operates on donated monies and proceeds from our thrift store located at 4149 East First Street, Blue Ridge. Each year, we accept applications from families seeking assistance with clothing and gifts for their child(ren). If your family is in need of assistance this year, please apply during one of the times listed below. This year, the application process will be held at the United Community Bank Community Room in Blue Ridge (Main Branch) next to Burger King.

**2018 Fannin County Empty Stocking Program, Inc. Application Process Schedule:**

- Monday, October 22, 2018 - 4:00PM to 7:00PM
- Tuesday, October 23, 2018 - 4:00PM to 7:00PM
- Wednesday, October 24, 2018 - 4:00PM to 7:00PM
- Thursday, October 25, 2018 - 4:00PM to 7:00PM
- Friday, October 26, 2018 - 4:00PM to 7:00PM
- Saturday, October 27, 2018 - 9:00AM to 12:00PM

Applicants must apply in person and bring the documentation listed below. All documentation must be present for your application to be completed. If possible, we kindly ask that you help make Christmas morning as surprising and joyful as possible by not bringing your children when you come to apply.

**The following documentation must be with brought with you in order to apply:**

- Proof of **ALL** household income (adults and children), (paycheck stubs, SSI statement, bank statement, etc.)
- Parent/guardian driver's license or picture ID
- Proof of physical residence in Fannin County (copy of utility bill, lease agreement, etc.)
- Social security card or birth certificate for each child
- Name of the school each child attends (if applicable)
- EBT card (if applicable)
- Proof of custody paperwork (if you have temporary guardianship of non-biological children)

The Annual Coats for Kids Coat Drive sponsored by The News Observer provides a coat to every child in need of one. Coats will be distributed at the United Community Bank Community Room in Blue Ridge (Main Branch) during our application process at the times listed above.

All information provided to The Fannin County Empty Stocking Program, Inc. is confidential; however, we reserve the right to share applicants' names with non-profit organizations, schools, or churches to limit applicants receiving assistance from multiple resources.

Sincerely,

Fannin County Empty Stocking Program, Inc. Board of Directors