



The senior I adopted only wants a gift card. What should I do?

Why do they only want a gift card?

It's important to understand why many of our seniors ask for a gift card for the holidays. There are a few reasons to consider:

1. Many seniors say they don't want a gift for the holidays or that they don't need anything right now. Gift cards are a nice way for seniors to make future purchases when they need them. It allows us to still buy them a gift, even when they say they don't need anything right now.
2. Many of our seniors need basic items such as paper towels, toothpaste, adult diapers, or socks. They may feel embarrassed to ask a stranger for these necessities. A gift card allows them to get what they need without telling strangers too much.
3. Some of our seniors can be particular, just like everyone else! They know what they like, and they may want to purchase it themselves. You might be giving our senior a trip with their daughter or son to the store to buy a new sweater or holiday pajamas with this gift card!

One gift card seems so small. Can I buy something else?

Of course you can! In fact, we recommend purchasing a few additional items for our seniors who ask for gift cards. Our seniors always appreciate blankets, towels, hats and gloves, slippers, or small heaters (must turn off automatically when tipped over). Consider what the seniors in your life enjoy, and consider purchasing those in addition to the gift card.

Will the gift card I purchase be used by someone else?

Many of our seniors have family or caregivers who do shopping for them, and they may use the gift card for those purchases. We have a team of case managers that keep track of our seniors' well-being so there is little reason to worry the gift card won't be used for the senior.

Remember, when you do purchase a gift card, please attach the receipt!