



## JAKE'S TOY MANIA!

*For Boston-area families in need who are looking for help to make the holidays happier for their children.*

### 2023 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To participate in Jake's Toy Mania, you need to sign up IN PERSON in advance AND bring all the required documentation with you. Please read this carefully so that you have everything you need when you come in to sign up.

**Sign-up Location: 34 BROMFIELD STREET in BOSTON (Near Downtown Crossing)**

#### **Sign-up Times and Dates::**

Friday November 3, Saturday November 4, and Sunday November 5

Friday November 10, Saturday November 11, and Sunday November 12

Friday November 17, Saturday November 18, and Sunday November 19

Friday December 1, Saturday December 2, and Sunday December 3

*We will open from 10am to 7pm on all of these days.*

#### **TO REGISTER FOR JAKE'S TOY MANIA PART ONE, YOU MUST HAVE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:**

- **Your ID.** Must be a picture ID issued by the state of Massachusetts or a passport. (If you have an out-of-state picture ID, you must show proof of Massachusetts residency.)
  - Adoptive parents must have court papers
  - Grandparents, foster parents, stepparents and others are eligible for Jake's Toy Mania long as they have legal custody of the children they're signing up, and have papers stating that they are legal guardians. Foster papers must be current: issued within the last 60 days.
- **Birth certificates for all eligible children**
  - Hospital/mother's note acceptable for a newborn
  - Children over the age of 16 are not eligible
- **MassHealth cards for each child**
  - Only MassHealth and affiliate cards are accepted as proof of need. (If the affiliate card does not say MassHealth or include the MassHealth number, it will not be accepted.)
  - MassHealth information can be obtained from your child's physician
- **Proof of residency.** If you are renting subsidized housing, you must have a lease with all your CHILDREN's names typed **OR** a letter on official letterhead from housing or from your management office. If you are in a shelter, you must have a letter from your shelter, on shelter letterhead, showing that you and your children are living there.
  - A handwritten letter from your landlord will not be accepted
  - A lease or letter from housing with your children's names handwritten in will not be accepted
  - Those who own their own homes are NOT eligible for Jake's Toy Mania
  - Those who are living with family or friends but do not have a lease are NOT eligible for Jake's Toy Mania

Copies of the above documents, or pictures on your phone, are acceptable, as long as they are legible.

Once you have signed up, we'll give you a card that shows the time slot and date for pick up. You **MUST** bring your card with you when you come for pick up. (Please take a picture with your phone to make sure you have a copy.)

### **PICK UP DAYS and LOCATION FOR JAKE'S TOY MANIA**

The dates for Jake's Toy Mania are December 8, 9, 10 and December 15, 16, 17. Based on the age of your children and other criteria, you will be assigned a date to come in for gifts for your children. You must come on the date/time slot assigned.

The pickup location is: **34 BROMFIELD STREET, BOSTON (Near Downtown Crossing)** - This pick up location is subject to change; please check the website before you come in.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### ***Signing up:***

What if I do not have one of the items above, can I substitute something else?

No. No substitutions can be made.

Can I register if I live in a congregate or scattered shelter?

Yes. You can register for Jake's Toy Mania as long as you meet the requirements, including a letter from your shelter (on shelter letterhead) stating that you and your children live there.

Can I register if I own my own home, or live with a family member?

No. You are not eligible for Jake's Toy Mania.

Are children between the ages of 12-16 eligible?

Yes, you can sign your children up who are 16 and younger. For older children (12-16) we cannot guarantee that we will have a gift card for them. (Most of our toy donations are for younger children.)

### ***Picking up:***

Can someone else pick up the toys if I cannot come in?

Only the person who signed up can come in to pick up toys. However, if both parents are present at the time of sign up, and have their IDs, either parent can do the pickup.

What if I miss the day and/or time of my pickup, will I be able to pick up another day?

If you miss the day and or time of your pickup, you may come at the end of your assigned day and pick up at closing time (7 PM). Keep in mind that we will not be able to serve you until all others have been served. If you cannot come at 7 p.m. on your assigned day, please email [info@christmasinthecity.com](mailto:info@christmasinthecity.com) and we will get back to you with new time and date.

How long is the wait to pick up?

The short answer is anywhere from 2 to 4 hours. And here is why:

1. We allow parents to take their time "shopping" for the kids.
2. We serve a large number of folks in a short period of time.
3. People will start lining up 2-3 hours before we open.

Can I bring my child with me to pick up?

Because of the wait times, we do not recommend bringing your child with you. There will be no PUBLIC RESTROOMS AVAILABLE.

Any further questions? Please email [info@christmasinthecity.org](mailto:info@christmasinthecity.org)