

2022 TIPS On Art Holiday Family Adoption Program

The KRISTIN RAMIREZ & XIMENEZ Family

A TIPS On Art collaboration with
Foundation Communities

Life brings trials & tribulations to us all that somehow make us stronger when we arrive on the other side of it. This year's Holiday Adopted Family is no different. Foundation Communities has paired us with a unique family again this year and we feel the deepest gratitude to now know each of the members of this unique family and their commitment to bettering their lives through hard work, faith and perseverance. It is our intent here to describe them as individuals and as a family so you, too, can know and help support their goals, ambitions and current needs & wishes in this Holiday Season. We would love to have you join us in this season of giving if you are moved to do so. Kristin is a single parent with one daughter, Gianna, and five sons, Michael, Isaiah, Gabriel, Matthew & Fenix. This family was referred to Foundation Communities' housing support program by the SAFE Alliance. SAFE and Foundation Communities shared this [video](#) for us all to get to know Kristin's story better. This family is energetic, creative and highly motivated to get fully back on their feet and achieve their on-going goals!

Thank you for reading on to learn more about them below.

	Name	Age	Pants	Shirt	Shoes	Coat
Mother	Kristin	42	M/L	M/L	6.5/7	M/L

Kristin Ramirez is a mother of six who has persevered through domestic violence, physical and financial abuse. She has endured being separated from her children at the birth of her youngest child. Kristin recently transitioned from homelessness to supportive housing in June of 2022. In August she was diagnosed with an aggressive stage of breast cancer. Grateful that the cancer has not spread, she has begun a tenuous treatment that will last for 12 months affecting every aspect of her life. But she is unflinching in the face of the challenges that present themselves. For instance, most recently her vehicle has been rendered beyond repair and inoperable causing the family arrive home close to 7 pm every week night on public transportation. The struggle is great, and she depends on a source that is greater; her Christian faith and hope remain strong. Having lost her hair and now wearing a wig, she is highly motivated to start a business that helps other cancer patients find their hair too! Her eyes really light up when she talks about this! And above all, she wants to provide for her children with whatever they need to thrive. Kristin personally studies the bible with her kids to help them find their faith as a source of strength too.

WISH LIST: [Bible Study Guide](#) (she has a bible), Hair ([w/ baseball cap attached type](#)); Head Scarfs, Anything Makeup (she simply has not been able to indulge in this for herself); Makeup Bag, Beauty Store gift card, Bedroom Suite (a vanity, headboard, chest of drawers or an armoire), Queen Bedding Set, Table/Bedside Lamp, [Walking Boots](#) (knee high/low heel Gloves & Scarf

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Set, Winter Coat (mid length/black), Earrings (to help her “feel feminine again” she said!), Start Up Business Support, Amazon & Visa Gift Cards

Favorite Colors: Pink /Purple

	Name	Age	Pants	Shirt	Shoes	Coat
Daughter	Gianna	15	L	L	8 1/2	L

Gianna (“GG”) is reserved and quiet until you get a chance to have a conversation one on one where she tends to open up more. She has a therapy cat to help her daily. GG loves learning about and collecting crystals. She also loves drawing anime art specifically. GG eats vegetarian

WISH LIST: Crystals, [Book About Crystals](#), Ruka Ear Buds, [Colored Pens](#), [Colored Pens With Multiple Tip Sizes](#), [Sketch Pads](#), Queen Size Sheets (purple) & Queen Size Comforter (black), Bed Pillows (sleeping & decorative), Underbed Storage Bins, Small Stool/Chair (for small black mirror/vanity she has), Wall Posters/Art (crystals theme), Mini Back Pack (black), Cargo Pants (khaki , dark green, black), [False Nails](#) (embellished long style), Lip gloss (shiny), [Earrings](#) (crystals), Foam Hair Curlers, Makeup ,Comforter Set, Wall Décor, [Anime Book](#).

Favorite Color: Purple, Black

Favorite Foods: Fruit, Popcorn, Brownies, Tostadas

	Name	Age	Pants	Shirt	Shoes	Coat
SON	MICHAEL	9	12H-14H	12H-14H	4	16/L

Michael Ximenez is very bright and shares a room with his brother, Isaiah. He loves anime (especially Dragon Ball Z & Roblox). Michael also loves to play football (he does have a football).

WISH LIST: Twin Mattress (for a bunk bed), Goku Bedding Set, [Anime Action Figures](#), Anime Character Bedside Lamp, [TV Pillow](#), [UNO Masters of the Universe Game](#), [Anime Goku Character Bedding](#), Anime Wall Décor

Favorite Color: Green

Favorite Foods: Fruit (all fruit), Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza, Gummies, Nacho Cheese Doritos, Chicken Nuggets, Fries, Candy

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	Name	Age	Pants	Shirt	Shoes	Coat
SON	ISAIAH	8	8	8	1.5 kids	8

Isaiah Ximenez is a leader and is quick to let you know exactly what is on his mind! He shares a room with his brother, Michael. Isaiah also loves anime (especially Roblox), Lanky Box & Pokeman. And he loves to draw anime art.

WISH LIST: Twin Mattress (for a bunk bed), Naruto or Pokeman Bedding Set, Naruto Jacket & Shoes, Pokeman Packs, Pokeman Figures, Pokeman Plushes, Anime Action Figures, Anime Character Bedside Lamp, Naruto Art (for his bedroom door), *UNO Emojis Game*, [Anime Naruto character bedding](#), Anime wall/door décor, Anime Action Figures, [Naruto jacket](#), Naruto shoes, [TV Pillow](#)

Favorite Color: Red, Blue, White, Black, Silver, Golden

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SON	Gabriel	6	6/7	6/7	15 Kids	6/7

Gabriel Ximenez is an energetic young man and very proud of his name! He loves his Mom and enjoys Pokeman in the movie. He also enjoys coloring and says he can put puzzles together in one minute!

WISH LIST: [Shoto Character Hat & Scarf](#), [Spanish Coloring Books](#), Puzzles, 3D Jigsaw Puzzles, Lego, Multi-Color Light, Art Book on Painting, Painting Supplies (and a way to store them) [3D jigsaw puzzle](#), [party light](#), Toddler Bed & Bedding.

Favorite Color: Red, Blue, White

Favorite Foods: Miracle Whip Sandwiches (on white bread), Spicy Cheetos, Cookies & Cream Ice Cream, Lucky Charms

	Name	Age	Pants	Shirt	Shoes	Coat
Son	Matthew	5	5/6	5/6	12 Kids	5/6

Matthew Ximenez is a charmer with the best smile! He loves My Hero Academia and water parks.

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WISH LIST: Shoto Todoki Lighting Jacket, Coloring Books, Multi-Color Light, Big Giant Markers & Paper (and a way to store them, Toddler Bed & Bedding).

Favorite Color: Red & White

Favorite Foods: The Biggest Sour Gummie Bears Made (he says this with his hands in the air!), Oreo Cereal, White Bread, Smooth Peanut Butter, Coke

	Name	Age	Pants	Shirt	Shoes	Coat
SON	FENIX	3	4T	4T	1 Kids	4T

Fenix Ximenez does his best to keep up with all his brothers! He loves My Hero Academia and water parks.

WISH LIST: Fenix Needs Manipulatives Like Blocks For Counting, Building, And Stacking, [Large Puzzles/Rugs Of The Alphabet](#), Shapes, Colors, And A Child Double Sided Easel With Jumbo Crayons, Colored Pencils, and [Washable Finger Paint](#) (this can be shared by the youngest 3)

Family Household Needs:

A More Reliable Car*, [Toy & Household Organizers](#), Wall Décor, 2'x10' Carpet Runners (3) & 6'x9' Area Rug, Desk Lamp (for the family shared desk they have), [Cupcake Pan](#) (large size cupcakes), [Roaster Oven](#) (for cooking a turkey!), Cleaning Products, Toilet Paper & Paper Towels, Foil, Ziploc, [Small Sofa Vacuum](#), [Organization For Toys](#), Bookcase, TV Wall Mount (for TV they have), [Screw Set For An IKEA Metal Bunk Bed \(they have the frame but is unusable without the screws!\)](#), Shower Curtains (2), Bath Towels & Bath Rugs (for two bathrooms) [Toy Organizer](#), Wall Décor, Wall Shelf Organizer, [Roaster](#)

Gift cards to: Visa, Amazon, Walmart, Target, HEB, Fiesta, 5 Below & Home Depot would be much appreciated.

*This is a kind-hearted, hardworking family who very much rely on each other every day. So, in the spirit of asking for what they truly need, if anyone has someone in their lives that has (or knows someone who has) aged out of driving or simply have an extra vehicle they have been meaning to donate somewhere, please let us (TIPS On Art) help with that and let's get this family a reliable means of transportation so they can keep moving forward ... literally.

Family Favorite Foods:

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All Fruits
All Vegetables
All Beans
Potatoes
Tostadas
White Bread
Miracle Whip
Lasagna
Spaghetti
Pizza ... cheese, pepperoni, all meat,
bacon
Popcorn
Gogurt
Pretzels

... let's see what we can do to fill their pantry with fresh & non-perishable goods!

Family Favorite Places To Go For Fun / Family Favorite Places To Eat Out:

This family really does not venture out with the wide range of ages & energy of the kids ... it's just too much for Kristin to manage alone. So any kind of home activities or puzzles is a perfect fit for them!

They do like to watch movies (they have Netflix ... perhaps subscription support).

Favorite Places To Shop (*gift cards appreciated!*):

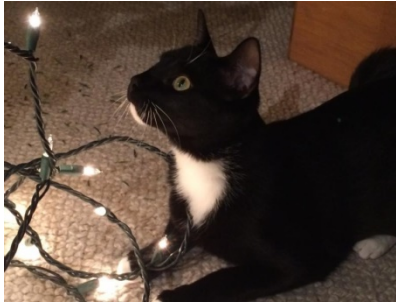
Amazon
Wal-Mart
Ross
DD's Discount
HEB
Fiesta
Gas cards

Holiday Meal Preference:

Lasagna
Veggie Tray
Fruit Tray
Mac & Cheese
Green Beans
Vanilla Ice Cream

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Special Request: Family Christmas Stockings Volunteer Needed:

Each year we love providing our Holiday Adopted Family with a personalized Christmas stocking for each member of the family ... something with their name on it and filled with items they each will love. If you would like to provide this fun and wonderful gift for Kristin and her kids, please let us know. Thank you!

Family Statement To Our Donors: We truly are grateful to all who are helping us get back on our feet. Being a family is our blessing. Thank you so much! God bless.

Thank you for your interest & support for the TIPS On Art Holiday Family Adoption Annual Community Service of Giving Program. This is our 30th year of making new friends and uplifting their lives through our holiday giving efforts. And we could not be successful in changing lives without your support! Which is why our motto has always been ... we are better together. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

NEXT STEPS/DATES TO REMEMBER:

Time is short till Christmas is here ... so please act immediately if you are moved to support this effort!

A. Gift Donations Drop Off & Family Gifts Wrapping Party Location:
6017 Abilene Trail
Austin, Texas 78749

Donations: Leave On The Porch & We Will Find Them! Call Ahead If You Need Us To Meet You or To Arrange A Pick Up. ***All Donations Must Be Received By Wednesday, December 14th.***

B. ***Wrapping Party: Sunday, December 18th from 2:30-4:30 p.m.*** ... soup & refreshments served.

C. Family Gift Delivery: Monday, December 19th. If you would like to join us, give us a call!

... for any questions please call Donna Wetegrove at 512.288.4897 or email to tipsonart@yahoo.com.

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LOTS OF WAYS TO GIVE:

1. Go to www.tipsonart.org to make a donation online via PayPal or click on the donate buttons in this email.
2. Checks (made out to TIPS On Art) and cash accepted.
3. If you work for a business who matches your donations, we are set up with Benevity. Please contact your workplace giving coordinator to make your donation so they can match it!
4. Donations also accepted through I Live Here I Give Here.
5. Long term giving your thing? Help us continue to support arts and culture by making any and all your purchases through [AmazonSmile](https://smile.amazon.com) and select TIPS On Art to benefit a portion of the proceeds. Please set smile.amazon.com as your starting place for all your purchases through the link below (or with AmazonSmile turned ON in the Amazon Shopping app on your mobile) and select TIPS On Art as your favorite charity.

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LET'S DO THIS!

100% of all donations support TIPS On Art programs.

We are grateful for donations of all kinds AND all of you who support this opportunity to serve our community together!

Merry Christmas to You and Yours!

We would be honored if you would share our email with your network.

Thank You So Much!

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can." - John Wesley (courtesy of my friend, Bethlyn!)