



Holiday Giving Program 2018

There are many reasons to enjoy the upcoming holidays. For the youth of The Children's Home, the holidays mean a direct connection to the support and generosity of the community through our annual **Holiday Giving Program**. The Children's Home is a residential facility for youth in out-of-home placement due to abuse, neglect, and/or abandonment.

Especially, during the holiday season, The Children's Home reaches out to individuals, families, faith-based organizations, and the community-at-large requesting their support to help make the holiday season a joyful experience for the residents in our care. We are thrilled to invite you, and hope you will accept this invitation to help brighten the lives of children and youth who have experienced difficulties in their lives.

With great anticipation, The Children's Home launches its annual Holiday Giving Campaign. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, residents in our care have been blessed to have a memorable holiday experience. This program provides gifts and/or activities for residents **ranging in age from 13-21**. This program also includes youth in our Treatment Foster Care Program. If you wish to purchase specific gifts for specific residents, we will provide a "Wish Lists" on our website at: www.thechildrenshome.net in early November. We also provide a set of guidelines to assist donors.

The Children's Home is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. All gifts and donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

If you have questions or need assistance, contact **Gail L. Lee**, Director of Development, at 410-744-7310 x 131 or email at glee@thechildrenshome.net. With your help, we can make the 2018 holiday season special for our residents.



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2018 GUIDELINES



1. Resident Wish Lists

Each resident submits a wish list that includes the resident's first name, gender, age, specific sizes, and cottage. The "Wish Lists" are located on the Home's website: www.thechildrenshome.net, on the *Holiday Giving Program* page.

- Gifts** should be **UNWRAPPED!** Gifts that are delivered wrapped cause a major waste of resources and time. Even if you have sent wrapped gifts in the past, we urge you to follow this year's guidelines for unwrapped gifts. **Donations of wrapping paper and bows are appreciated.**
- Prohibited gifts include guns (toy or game), religious literature, used items, and homemade food products.**

4. Suggested gift ideas include:

- + **Gift Certificates / Cards:** Walmart, Target, GameStop, McDonalds, Subway, Pizza Hut, H&M, Forever 21, Foot Locker, Bath & Body Works, etc.
- + **Monetary:** Restricted monetary donation designated for cultural activities/trips and recreation
- + **Passes:** movie theatre, bowling, miniature golf, and roller skating
- + **Games & Toys for Teens:** board games, playing cards (UNO, etc.), battery operated handheld games, remote-control cars, stuffed animals
- + **Videos or videogames** - should be **PG-13, PG, G**, or comparable rating.
- + **Hobby & Crafts:** jewelry making or beading kits, diaries, model cars/planes, puzzles, sketch pads
- + **Small Electronics:** portable music players, clock radios, electronic handheld games
- + **Sports Equipment:** baseball/softball gloves, basketballs, footballs, bike helmets, roller skates, and scooters
- + **Computer:** software programs – educational and games (non-violent)
- + **Personal Accessories:** watches, wallets, jewelry, purses, handbags, and duffle bags
- + **Bedding:** comforters and bed sets (Twin XL)
- + **Footwear:** socks, slippers, slipper-socks, and shower shoes
- + **Outerwear:** mittens/gloves, hats and scarves
- + **Toiletries:** hair products/decorations, **non-spray** perfume and men's cologne (**MUST** be *plastic* containers!)

- If you are interested in sponsoring or planning an **off-grounds activity** for residents, we suggest the following:

- Bowling
- Cottage Holiday Party
- Miniature Golf
- Movie Theatre
- Pizza Party
- Roller Skating or Ice Skating
- Dinner/Lunch at buffet restaurants

6. Cottage Gifts

If you or your organization would like to purchase one or two large items for many residents to enjoy:

- ★ Large Screen Televisions
- ★ DVD Players
- ★ Video Game Systems & extra hand controllers
- ★ Musical Instruments
- ★ Computer Desks/Stations and Chairs
- ★ Stereos / Karaoke Machines
- ★ Arts & Crafts Supplies

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