



Holiday Giving Program 2019

The Children's Home **Holiday Giving Program** provides gifts and activities for the youth at the Home through the generous donations from the community. The Children's Home is a residential facility for youth in out-of-home placement, ages 13 to 21, due to abuse, neglect, and/or abandonment. We invite you to help brighten the lives of children and youth who have experienced difficulties in their lives.

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.

If you wish to purchase specific gifts for specific residents, we provide a "Wish List" 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 2019 holiday season special for our residents.



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2019 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.

2. **Gifts** should be **UNWRAPPED!** Wrapped gifts 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, tape, and bows are appreciated.***

3. **Prohibited gifts include guns (toy or game), religious literature, used items, and homemade food products.**

3. Four ways to contribute to the Holiday Giving Program:

A. Items from the Wish Lists:

- ⊕ **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)
- ⊕ **Clothing:** including shirts, pants, jackets, coats, socks, underwear, slippers, shoes, gloves, hats and scarves
- ⊕ **Toiletries:** hair products/decorations, **non-spray** perfume and men's cologne (**MUST** be *plastic* containers!)

B. **Gift Certificates / Cards:** Walmart, Target, GameStop, McDonalds, Subway, Pizza Hut, H&M, Foot Locker, Bath & Body Works, etc.

⊕ **Passes:** movie theater, bowling, miniature golf, and roller skating

⊕ **Monetary:** Donations can be made online - www.thechildrenshome.net MEMO: Holiday / or by check to the address below.

C. If you are interested in sponsoring or planning an activity for residents, we suggest the following:

- Bowling
- Cottage Holiday Party
- Miniature Golf
- Movie Theater
- Pizza Party
- Roller Skating or Ice Skating
- Dinner/Lunch at a local restaurant

D. Cottage Gifts

Contributions are encouraged 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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