

# GUIDELINES FOR HOLIDAY GIVING **FOR ADULTS**

**Deliver between November 13 and December 6**

We gladly accept gifts that are:

- New (EXCEPT as noted below)
- Unwrapped
- Appealing to adults

## GIFT IDEAS

Each year, we try to give each shelter adult a few special gifts. We set up stations, and they go to each and select the item they would like. It is a very exciting and positive experience for them as well as the volunteers who assist at these stations. As there are about 150 adults staying in our shelter, and we can only give out an item if we have enough for all of them. Gifts **MUST** be new in the package and not giftwrapped. **Please do NOT donate** used, damaged or incomplete items.

## TOP REQUESTS FROM SHELTER ADULTS:

If we are able to secure 150 of one or more of each of these items, the holidays will truly be special for our clients! (Remember, new in the package and not giftwrapped)

1. Backpack for adults
2. Sports-type digital watch (110 for men; 40 for women)
3. Wallet (110 for men; 40 for women)
4. Gift card to Walmart or a crisp new \$5 or \$10 bill (to go in the wallets!)
5. Underpants (men and women; all sizes; any style; in the package)
6. Socks (in the package)
7. Warm winter hats and gloves (especially XXL for men)
8. Reusable (sports type) water bottle
9. Full-size hygiene items such as shampoo (especially for African-American hair), conditioner, shaving cream, soap, razors, deodorant, toothpaste, lotion so that clients can pick the brand **THEY** like

## OTHER GIFT IDEAS FOR SHELTER ADULTS:

Each year, we build a “parent shop,” and the shelter children are partnered with a high school student to shop for their moms and dads. This fosters the spirit of giving, gives the parents a few hours off on a Saturday morning, allows students a rewarding opportunity as they navigate the children through selecting, teaching them how to wrap gifts, make cards and often just talk and play together. We need enough gifts to do this and here is a list of things that traditionally are popular (remember, only **NEW**, un-giftwrapped items):

- Umbrellas (especially the fold up kind)
- Hat, gloves, scarf sets
- Hoodies
- Sweatshirts / sweat suits
- Sweaters
- Bath sets
- Slippers
- Bathrobes
- Shower shoes (“Flip flops”)
- Women’s gift sets (makeup etc.)
- Men’s grooming gift set (i.e., shaving kit etc.)