

GUIDELINES FOR HOLIDAY GIVING **FOR CHILDREN**

DELIVER BETWEEN NOVEMBER 13 AND DECEMBER 6

Each year, we build a toy shop, then invite the shelter parents to come and select the items they want for their children. After they shop, shelter adults come—because the majority of them have a child (or children) in their lives. And then we open up the toy shop to the community. Letting parents choose, wrap and give the gifts offers dignity and respect. Please help us! We gladly accept toys and gifts that are NEW in the package and not giftwrapped. Please do NOT donate used, damaged or incomplete items; we do not accept weapons (toy or real).

GIFT IDEAS

(We especially need gifts for **teens and tweens!**)

MOST Popular (Any gift with a high “wow” factor--large, trendy, awesome)

- Art kits or sets (painting, drawing, making jewelry, etc.)
- Bath, beauty, nail and toiletries
- Bikes, scooters, skateboards, riding toys
- Electronics (MP3 players, hand-held games, game systems)
- Legos and other building sets
- Sports gear (balls, portable goals, racquets, helmets, etc.)

HELP THE ELVES FILL THE SHELVES

Arts, Crafts, Educational Toys: Art supplies, craft sets & supplies, easels, imaginative play (dress-up, costumes, doctor/nurse/tool sets, kitchen, workbench, etc.), magic tricks, models, musical instruments, playing cards.

Baby and Toddler Toys: Activity centers/seats, learning toys, sit/pull-up/walk toys, sort/nest/stack toys, stuffed/plush balls and animals.

Bags: Backpacks, overnight bags, purses, wristlets, sports bags, string bags, wallets.

Bath, Beauty, and Toiletries: Blow-dryers, body wash, brush & comb, curl/straighten/crimp irons, hair bands, bows, barrettes, makeup, nail polish, scent, shampoo & conditioner, toiletry kits and cases.

Bikes, Scooters, Skates and Skateboards: and accessories—helmets, padlocks, safety gear, repair tools & kits, lights, bells, etc.

Board Games & Puzzles

Building Toys: Legos, Duplos, K'nex, Lincoln logs, wooden or cardboard blocks.

Dolls & Action Figures: Action figures (superheroes & villains), baby dolls, BARBIES and similar (multi-ethnic), Bratz, doll accessories (furniture, houses, clothes, sets), miniature figurines & play sets (airport, farm, house, princess, knights, pirates, cowboy, Disney, Little Pet Shop, Polly Pocket, Play mobile, My Little Pony).

Electronics: Alarm clocks, CD/DVD players, chargers, desk lamps, ear buds & head phones, game systems, hand-held games, MP3 players.

Jewelry & Accessories (boxes appreciated!).

Movies, Music, Video Games (please ensure rating is appropriate for all ages!).

Push, Pull, and Ride-on Toys.

Sports & Outdoors: Balls (soccer, football, baseball), bats, gloves, rackets, sticks, camping gear, hand weights, portable goals, pads and safety gear, water toys, yard games.

Vehicles: especially Fischer Price, Hot Wheels, Little People, Matchbox, remote control, Thomas the Tank Engine, Tonka, tracks and accessories for vehicles.