

GUIDELINES FOR HOLIDAY GIVING **FOR CHILDREN**

DELIVER BETWEEN NOVEMBER 19 AND 30

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.