



Suggested Guidelines for Giving

These Guidelines for Giving are provided as suggestions only. Please keep in mind that our Sponsors range from large corporations to individual families struggling themselves to provide a Christmas for their own children. If you or your group is able to provide substantially for one family, please consider sponsoring additional families or a large family so the level of giving is sufficient for all of our clients.

- The Wish List is just a guide; do not feel like you have to get the items listed. The family will appreciate anything you give to help make their holiday special.
- Use the information provided on the Wish List for sizes, age and race.
- Use your discretion about questions concerning gift items.
- Label all bags and boxes with the labels provided.
- A gift for the parents is optional and should be something the whole family can use.
- All children's gifts should be unwrapped. You may wish to include gift wrap, bows and tape. Household gifts may be wrapped. Label each gift, box or bag.
- Drop off gifts during normal business hours up until December 11th.
- Deliver gifts to either building location of Social Services. Staff can assist you in bringing in gifts. They will check the gifts in and make sure that all items are labeled. Please do not drop off gifts in the building without checking them in!
- Please consolidate your unwrapped gifts & household gift in either very sturdy 30-gallon garbage bags (Force Flex) lawn paper bags or boxes and fasten securely. It is essential that you have your label on ALL bags, boxes or bikes, as well as any other item not packaged.
- Provide helmets with riding toys of any kind.
- Try to limit spending per child to the \$150-\$200 estimation or less.
- Gift Cards should be no more than \$25 each for teens, groceries, or parent's gift.
- Children love bicycles, but these can be expensive for older children, feel free to substitute something else within your budget.
- Give gift cards to grocery stores and not actual food items.
- Gift cards and/or food certificates should be kept separate from packaged gifts. Please note the dollar value on the card, and place them in a letter sized envelope with a label on the outside. Hand them directly to a Staff member when you check in!
- Select dolls or toys that match the family's ethnicity. (Example: An African American doll would be a nice gift for an African American child, etc.)