

## **Good Shepherd Children & Family Services**

### **Christmas Collect to Connect Giving Tree Ideas**

Our Christmas Collect to Connect is a way for our friends of all ages to help make Christmas a memorable event of joy and goodwill for our at-risk youth and troubled families. We encourage you to start your Giving Tree collection project early in November and arrange for pick-up or delivery of your presents no later than December 11, 2015 (Last Sunday collection December 13) to allow us enough time to distribute them to our clients.

**Infants to 2 Years:** Board books, learning toys, teethers, clothes, Baby Einstein videos, brightly colored baby toys, diapers and wipes (size Newborn to 2), walking toys for babies 1-2, musical toys, baby videos

**Toddlers 3-5 Years:** Riding toys, learning toys, clothes, Little People toys, videos (Doc McStuffins, Dora the Explorer), pajamas; and for the toddlers 4-5 – games, plastic cars and trucks, baby dolls, children's videos, action figures, Mega Blocks/Legos

**Boys 6-9 Years:** Action figures, toy cars and planes, sports gear, handheld sports games, pajamas, books

**Girls 10-12 Years:** Art supplies, nail polish, craft kits, paints/pastels, movies, PJs, board games, books (i.e., Magic Tree House)

**Boys 10-12 Years:** Remote control toys, handheld games, movies, sports gear, pajamas, books (i.e., Diary of a Wimpy Kid)

**Adolescent Girls 13-17 Years:** Alarm clocks, MP3 players/iPods, Wii games, body wash kits, perfume, pajamas, house shoes, Bath and Body Works lotion and soap, jewelry, PG-13 movies

**Adolescent Boys 13-17 Years:** Alarm clocks, MP3 players/iPods, Wii games, cologne, pajamas, logo sports gear (Rams, Cards, Nike, etc.), hoodies (size L-XXL, gray, black or navy), Axe products, watches, PG-13 movies

**Young Women 18-21 Years:** House shoes, Bath and Body Works lotion, soap, perfume, movie tickets, pajamas or PJ pants, jewelry, pink and purple logo wear, watches, Footlocker gift cards

**Young Men 18-21 Years:** Hoodies (size L-XXL, gray, black or navy), logo sports gear, movie tickets, watches, PJ pants, Footlocker gift cards

**Foster Families:** Kitchenware (pots and pans, dishes, silverware, cooking utensils, ice cube trays, dish towels and cloths);

Bedroom (alarm clock, twin or full sheets and comforters or blankets, pillows, hangers, lamps); Bathroom (bar soap, toilet paper, towels, bath mat, shower curtain and rings, curtain liner); Cleaning Items (toilet cleaner, toilet brush, liquid dish soap, dishwashing soap, multi-purpose cleaner, paper towels, sponges, trash bags, laundry detergent, fabric softener, broom, dustpan, mop, vacuum cleaner); Furniture (kitchen table and chairs, twin bed mattress and box springs, couch, dresser, end table, night stand, TV stand, coffee table); Baby Items (pack and play, high chair, toddler bed, linens).

**Gift Card Stocking Stuffers for Kids and Families:** Fast food, Target, Walmart, Footlocker, American Eagle, GameStop, Burlington Coat Factory and others.

The success of your parish's or organization's Christmas Giving Tree project is not measured by whether you collect a Christmas present for every person. It's measured by your generosity in collecting 5 presents or 10 presents or 50 presents.

Your generosity at any level makes sure that Christmas for our kids and families comes every day throughout the year. On any given day our four programs are serving 125 Expectant Parent moms (ages 19 and over); 125 Expectant Parent kids (ages 0-5); 30 Maternity Shelter moms (ages 15-20); 25 Maternity Shelter kids (ages 0-5); and 125 Foster Care kids (ages 1-18).

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