



St. Mary's Home for Children
2018 Holiday Giving Options

PLEASE DO NOT WRAP GIFTS SINCE WE MUST CHECK THEM FOR SIZE, COLOR, ETC. BEFORE THEY ARE DISTRIBUTED. OUR ELVES WILL DO ALL THE WRAPPING.

Cash Contributions – Your contribution will help us support many of the programs that take place at St. Mary's from therapeutic recreational activities to birthday parties to additional clinical services provided to a child in crisis.

Gift Certificates – What child does not like to pick out their own clothes, toys or a special place to dine. Gift certificates to the mall (Providence Place, Warwick Mall), general store (Target, Wal-Mart), fast food (McDonald's, Burger King, Wendy's) family restaurants (Newport Creamery, Friendly's, Chelo's, Chili's or Applebees), pizza (Papa Gino's, Domino's), video stores (Game Stop), general use cards and of course, all local movie theatres.

Incentive items – Good behavior deserves an award. Children participate in an incentive program on their units and in school. Small items - lotions, cosmetics, card games, playing cards, writing journals, hygiene products, posters (animals, cartoon characters, cars). Axe body spray and similar products are often requested for the boys. Special treats are small bags of snacks (nothing with nuts, please), packages of gum, bottles of juice or Gatorade.

Therapeutic items – scented lotions, stress balls, sour candy, silly putty, fidget toys, kinetic sand.

Craft & Hobby – Craft sets, tempera paints, paint brushes, colored pencils, glue sticks, washable markers, construction paper, coloring books, are used in great amounts. (no sharp items, please)

Xbox One games and systems new and used (E Rated) and DVD's new or used, (G & PG rated) movies.

Electronics - MP3 players (basic-**no video**) and small CD "boomboxes" are great for the children to listen to personal music. Personal DVD players are one of the most requested items.

Bedding – Everyone needs a good night sleep. Comforters or sheets should be twin size. Children love bright colors and prints. New bed pillows and towels are always needed as well.

Clothing – **Bikini style** underwear is needed in all **adult** women's sizes. Sneakers in older children and adult sizes. No other clothing items are needed at this time.

Toys – **No** remote control cars please! Playdough and moldable sand is lots of fun. Please remember that **we do not have infants or toddlers in our programs.**

Birthday party supplies – tissue paper, large gift bags, paper goods (plates, cups, napkins, tablecloths and banners)

Unit Gifts – Each unit will ask for items that can be utilized by everyone in the unit. A gift certificate for the children and staff to go out to dinner or attend an event, a video game system, new television and movies passes are popular needs. Each unit and classroom has specific requests. Please contact Susan at 353-3900 x262 sderita@smhfc.org or Kim at x380 kbautista@smhfc.org for the "Unit & Classroom Wish List".

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So that the children do not see “Santa” delivering their gifts, we ask that items be brought while they are in school between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. weekdays. If you would like to bring your gifts another time, please call 353-3900 x262 to arrange delivery at a time convenient for you. Please deliver by December 18, 2017.