Oakland County Children’s Village

**Host A Drive**

Suggestions & Guidelines

*Suggestions and guidelines for office, school, community groups and service organizations (Girl/Boy Scouts, church clubs) who would like to host a “toy” drive or collect gift items for the children staying in our Shelter Care or live-in treatment cottages.*

**Gift Giving Donation Guidelines and Suggestions:**

* We would be happy to make arrangements for members of our Administrative team to meet with representatives of your group upon delivery.
* For the privacy of the children, donations will be delivered to our main lobby unless other arrangements have been made in advance. The lobby hours are Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
* To promote a consistent and courteous environment it is recommended that you suggest to your group two or three mainstream stores to shop and a price range for the items listed below. This will help ensure that each of the children receive gifts of similar quality and will prevent hurt feelings.
* Please do not gift wrap items. We welcome gifts placed in reusable tote bags or donations of gift wrapping supplies.

**Instead of a miscellaneous toy drive, sponsor a drive for one or two items**

Suggestions for residents aged 0 to 17 years old with the **average age being 12-17.**

Items in bold represent items in greatest need:

* Gift Cards: Wal-Mart, Meijer, Target
* Sports Equipment (Regulation size Basketballs, Footballs, Soccerballs, Volleyballs)
* Hats, Snow/Ski Gloves
* New Puzzles (250-500 pieces)
* Men and Women’s Body Wash, Body Spray, Lip Balm non-medicated/no gloss, Stick Deodorant and Lotion
* Adult Shampoo & Conditioner (Full Size)
* **AM/FM Radio Headsets (no antennas) Headphones and/or Earbuds**
* **New Hooded Sweatshirts (Adult Sm - 2XL, College/Sport Themed, *i.e. a ‘Helping Hoodies’ drive*)**

# Arts and Crafts Supplies (No beads, no spiral bound sketch/drawing pads)

* New Board Games (Checkers, Chess, Sorry, etc.). No dice
* New Playing Cards/Card Games(Skip Bo, Phase 10). No Dice
* Jeans and/or Khakis, new or gently used (*i.e. a ‘Jeans for Teens’ drive*)
* **Joggers, Sweatpants,** Pajama Pants (Adult Sm-2XL)
* **New gym shoes (Adult men and women size 6-15)**
	+ Mainstream stores & brands in the $25-$50.00 range: Walmart, Costco, Meijer (Avia, And1, Kirkland, Reebok) 4/30/19

 ***Largest demand is for items that appeal to mid-teen boys and girls***

***Please no clothing with rhinestones, low cut, rips/tears or sheer material***

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