



## Holy Family Shelter Christmas Wish List

We are often asked about “adopting a family” at Christmas time. We discourage this due to serving twenty-two families each night. Our past experience shows that when one family is singled out to receive Christmas gifts the other families feel left out-the receiving family is often the target of envy.

We ask that if you would like to help our families at Christmas to please donate new toys, clothes and gifts (*see list below*). We prefer that these items are not wrapped as we allow the parents to choose what they want to give their children from the donations and then let them wrap the gifts themselves. This allows the parents to feel like they have a part in their children’s Christmas, not just receiving a handout. We also have the children choose gifts for their parents. The children wrap these gifts as well.

## Suggested Christmas Gift List

- \* New clothing (all sizes infant to adult)
- \* Winter jackets, hats, gloves, mittens, & scarves
- \* New undergarments for children & adults (underwear, bras, socks, etc.)
- \* New toys-age appropriate (please no violent video games or DVD’s)
- \* Board & card games
- \* Book bags, pens, pencils, notebooks, art supplies, & paper
- \* Inexpensive MP3 type radios and iTune cards (teenagers love them!)
- \* Soccer balls, basketballs, & footballs
- \* Gift Cards (Walmart, Krogers, Speedway Gas, etc.)
- \* Perfume / Cologne
- \* Address books, calendars, & journals
- \* Wallets, purses, inexpensive watches & jewelry
- \* Pajamas, slippers, & bath robes
- \* Alarm clocks
- \* Makeup / Cosmetics
- \* Winter boots
- \* Sweat suits ( unisex-all sizes)
- \* Christmas wrapping paper, gift bags, scotch tape, name tags, scissors, bows & ribbons
- \* FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – We incur a number of additional expenses during the holiday season and are in need of financial support. Checks can be dropped off or mailed directly to the shelter. Please make checks payable to HOLY FAMILY SHELTER, 907 N. Holmes Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46222. All contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Please note that we usually receive a large amount of toys for infants, toddlers, and younger children. We also serve almost 200 homeless teenagers each year. The teens are often left out due to minimal “age appropriate” gifts. Small radios (MP3 type), iTunes cards, sports related clothing (Colts & Pacers), and inexpensive watches & jewelry are big hits with the teens.

**\*PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW ADDRESS AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2009\***

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