



*Holy Family Shelter – 907 N. Holmes Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46222*

### **Holy Family Shelter Christmas Wish List**

Thank you for considering the families at Holy Family Shelter in your shopping list this holiday season. We are often asked about “adopting a family” at Christmas time. Our past experience indicates that when one family is singled out to receive Christmas gifts, the other families feel left out and the receiving family is often the target of envy.

Therefore, we ask that if you wish to help our families at Christmas, to please donate **new** toys, clothes and gifts (*see list below*). We prefer that these items *not be wrapped* as we allow the parents to choose gifts for their children from the donations and wrap the gifts themselves. Children are also given the opportunity to choose and wrap gifts for their parents. By setting up Christmas this way, families are able to have an active role in their holiday celebration, rather than simply receiving a handout.

### **Suggested Christmas Gift List**

- ◆ Winter Coats
- ◆ Winter Boots
- ◆ New clothing (all sizes from infant to adult)
- ◆ Gift Cards (Walmart, Kroger, Speedway Gas, etc.)
- ◆ Dolls of all ethnicities
- ◆ New undergarments for children & adults  
(underwear, socks, bras, etc.)
- ◆ Inexpensive MP3 type radios (teenagers love them!)
- ◆ Soccer balls, basketballs, & footballs
- ◆ Perfume / Cologne
- ◆ Address books, calendars & journals
- ◆ Wallets, inexpensive watches & jewelry (for men & women)
- ◆ Infant toys
- ◆ Pajamas & slippers (children & adults)
- ◆ New, age-appropriate toys (please no toy guns, violent video games, or DVD’s)
- ◆ Alarm clocks
- ◆ Board & card games
- ◆ Christmas gift bags, scotch tape, & name tags
- ◆ Batteries (AAA & AA)
- ◆ FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – We incur a number of additional expenses during the holiday season and are in need of financial support. Donations can be made online by clicking “[DONATE NOW](#)” on our Facebook page or by clicking “[GIVE NOW](#)” on our website. Checks can also 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 approximately 200 homeless teenagers each year. The teens are often left out due to minimal “age appropriate” gifts. Small radios (MP3 type), sports related clothing (Colts & Pacers), inexpensive watches, and jewelry are big hits with the teens. Thank you again for making this holiday season special for all of our families.

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