

Toy Drive

Thank you for your interest in volunteering to collect holiday toys for children in need in Massachusetts. Giving toys to a child at the holiday time is a very rewarding experience for us and we appreciate your efforts to make this holiday season a little brighter for children who would otherwise have very little. This is a great way for a group to work together to truly experience the holiday spirit.

We welcome any assistance you can give by collecting new toys.

Listed are a few tips that can make things run more smoothly:

1. Collect only new toys. We do not distribute used toys as holiday gifts.
2. We prefer to have the toys unwrapped.
3. Ideally we will need toys in hand by the week of December 11, 2006. We plan on distributing them during the week of December 18, 2006 to ensure that shelters and other organization have ample time to distribute them to the children and/or their families.
4. We would love if you can deliver the toys to our warehouse in Lynn; however, we can pick up large quantities if we are give ample time to schedule the pick-up.
5. We try to collect toys for children who range in age from newborn to 15 years old. In the past, we have had the most difficulty in securing items for the older children. Attached you will a few suggestions for different age groups, but these are only suggestions as we welcome your creativity.

Toy Drive Gift Ideas

(These are just a few ideas to help you get started)

Ages 0-6

Children's Books	Coloring Books
Toy Trucks	Building Blocks
Activity Blankets	Multicultural Dolls
Shape Sorters	Musical Toys
Play dough Sets	Baby Blankets
Crib Sheets	Large Piece Puzzles
Plush Animals	Push/Pull Toys

Ages 7-12

Doll Strollers	Sports Equipment
Puzzles	Arts & Crafts Materials
Little Purses	Play Make-Up
Drawing Sets	Board Games

Model Sets

Books

Ages 12-15

Board Games

Gift Certificates

Backpacks

CD's

Toiletries

Sports Equipment

Costume Jewelry

Strategy Games

Sports Team Clothing Sports Team Memorabilia

Gift Buying Tips

- Be wary of products that require batteries
- Ask for suggestions from children you know
- We are only collecting new toys for this drive