

2022 Holiday Giving Ideas

The spirit of the holidays is a time of giving and charity. Thank you for your generosity! Your donations help us support our youth and families now as well as throughout the year! Here are gift ideas we'd like to share:

Cash Donations: Needs at St. Mary's change quickly depending on the youth and families we are caring for so cash is always welcome.

Donations may be made:

1. **On line** at www.smhfc.org/holiday2022
2. **Check** payable to *St. Mary's Home for Children* and mailed to the Development Office
3. **Call** the Development Office at 401-331-3900, x280

Arts & Crafts: Arts & crafts encourage self-expression for our youth ages 8-18. Crafts sets, origami kits, DIY slime kit, sand art, string art, DIY jewelry kits, flat panel canvasses (*no staples please!*), tempura paints, paint brushes, adult and children's coloring books, colored pencils/markers, washable markers, construction paper, activity books, bead kits, bracelet kits, Gimp, scented markers, gel pens, soap making kits, tie-dye kits, Diamond art, Scratch art, Elmer's glue, etc.



Games & Creative Minds: Board games teach our youth how to work and play together. Assorted board games for ages 8-18 (examples: Life, Trouble, Scrabble, Monopoly, Sorry!, Battleship, Apples to Apples, etc.) assorted card games, large floor puzzles, Uno!, Skip Bo, Chess (*learners addition*), LEGO's (*creator kits, large blocks, city, etc.*)

Sensory Items: Sensory items help our youth reduce their anxiety and increase focus. Pop-it's, Sensory chew necklaces, SCENTsory Putty, Scented Slime, Assorted sensory toy packs, adult size color therapy glasses, essential oils & diffuser, Kinetic sand, model magic clay, slime, stress balls, fidget spinners, Silly Putty, SOAIY youth night light white noise machine, weighted blankets, weighted stuffed animals, sensory candy such as: warheads, red hots, sour patch kids, lemonheads, etc.

Skill & Hobby Building: Promote a youth's sense of identity and well being. 2023 Calendars, non-spiral bound planners & writing journals, Guides such as: "Practicing mindfulness", "The Complete Cookbook for Teens", "Super easy cookbook-beginners", cook books for teens, baking for beginners, etc.



Electronics: Music, movies, games are all wonderful rewards and calming items for our youth. MP3 Players, personal DVD players, Bluetooth speakers, Xbox or Play station gaming systems (*we will accept gently used*), videos games (E Rated), wireless headphones, earbuds



Gift Certificates: Our teen youth love to shop for themselves and gift cards are great for families needing support. Walmart, Target, Amazon, Burlington Coat Factory, Dollar Tree, Five Below, VISA, Mobil/Shell gas cards, CVS, Walgreen's, etc.

Grocery Stores: Food is a basic need for many of our families.

Stop & Shop, Shaw's, Price Rite, Aldi's, Market Basket



Restaurants: Going out to dinner is a treat for our kids and families. McDonald's, Wendy's, Burger King, Chelo's, Newport Creamery, Applebee's, Papa Gino's, Domino's, Little Caesars Pizza, Pizza Hut, etc.

Personal Hygiene: Helps our youth stay healthy and builds self awareness. Face & body skincare products (*scented and unscented*), face masks, manicure products, lip balm, makeup, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, men's & women's body wash, etc.



Clothing: New with tags on, please. T-shirts, leggings, sweats, etc. Sizes kids small to adult 2XL. No infant/toddler clothing. No used clothing.



Holiday Supplies: Giftwrapping supplies: Name tags, bows, scotch tape, gift bags, tissue paper, etc.



The last day to receive donations will be December 14. We are only accepting NEW items. WE DO NOT ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING: Wrapped gifts. We examine all gifts and our elves do the wrapping. Please no products containing nuts, razors, mirrors, pencil sharpeners, scissors, sharp objects, gun related toys (Nerf guns), devices with video or voice recording options, or infant/toddler toys.