

Holiday Activities 2023

Children's Home Society of Florida

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Holiday Drive

Sometimes families face hard situations but with your help, they don't need to face them alone. Brighten the holidays for a local child in need by donating to Children's Home Society of Florida's Holiday Drive. Your gift can lift a burden for a struggling parent or bring a little extra joy to a foster family. With three ways to give, you can make sure each child receives a special holiday gift this season.

Ways to Give:

- Drop off a gift from our wish list to the closest CHS office
- Donate to the Holiday Drive Fund providing toys and resources to kids in the community
- Purchase an item from the Amazon gift list for your community

Visit www.chsfl.org/holidaydrive for a list of needs and activities in your area.

Amazon Gift List

CHS team members have created a list of their most requested and needed toys and resources for the clients they serve. When you purchase from the CHS amazon holiday wish list, your gift will go to a child in need who needs it the most. Visit www.chsfl.org/holidaydrive and find the list in your area.

Holiday Craft Kits

Finding positive ways to connect with their children can be a challenge for many parents and care givers. It can also be a struggle for foster families connecting with new children in their care. Spread holiday cheer and promote positive communication by creating holiday craft kits. A few ideas are included below or make up your own craft project. Be sure to include easy to follow directions!

Craft Kit Ideas:

- Ready-made kits from local craft stores
- Gingerbread house kit
- Homemade ornaments
- Holiday rock painting kit
- Sock snowmen
- Reindeer ornaments

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Holiday Gift Baskets

Thanksgiving Meal Baskets

Create a holiday to remember! By sharing a Thanksgiving basket, you not only provide a warm meal but also a time for parents and children to come together to create memories. Basket will be donated to a local family and can be filled with non-perishable goods and supplies.

Baby's First Christmas

Being a new mom and dad is hard! The added stress of the holidays can make this challenge overwhelming. Celebrate this new bundle of joy while also helping families in need.

Suggested Materials:

- Walmart Gift Card
- Diaper bag or plastic bin
- Diapers & baby wipes
- Soft baby toys and books

Holiday Helper

Give a family everything they need to make the holidays special! Baskets will be given to parents and care givers in secret so they can decorate their homes and prepare gifts bringing a smile to their child's face.

Suggested Materials:

- Gift card to purchase toys for children
- Non-descriptive bag or container (Do not seal)
- Holiday decorations
- Warm socks or blanket
- Hot cocoa supplies & candy canes

Teen Gift Basket

It's no secret that finding the perfect gift for a teen can be tricky! Our independent teens like versatile gifts allowing them to express their individuality and spend time with friends.

Best Gift for Teens:

- Gift cards - Walmart, Amazon, Chic-Fil-A, McDonalds, movie passes
- Art supplies, sketch pads & journals
- Headphones for gaming
- Make-up kit and grooming supplies
- Sports equipment – basketball, football, etc.
- Water tumblers

Have your baskets and ready to drop off? Contact VolunteersCHS@chsfl.org or visit www.chsfl.org/holidaydrive for your local contact.

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Family Assistance Needs

Student Supplies

Students attending Title I schools in low-income communities often struggle to focus on their education because of the many complex challenges they face daily. Community Partnership Schools address students' holistic needs, recognizing their unique challenges – and opportunities. School supplies are needed year-round to help these students reach their full potential.

Suggested Supplies:

- 2024 Planner
- USB drive & portable charger
- Pens, pencils & highlighters
- Refillable water bottle or tumbler
- Sticky notes
- Hand sanitizer & chap stick
- Travel size tissues, shampoo & lotion
- Deodorant
- Dunkin Donuts or Starbucks gift card

Hygiene Supplies

Many families come to CHS looking for the most basic of resources - deodorant, soap, laundry detergent. By collecting these items, you ensure kids in your area have access to personal care and cleaning products helping them feel their best and stay healthy.

Suggested Supplies:

- Deodorant
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Body wash & lotion
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Hairbrush & comb
- Qtips, cotton balls & tissues
- Feminine hygiene supplies
- Laundry detergent
- Cleaning spray & wipes
- Paper towels

Ready to drop off your supplies? Contact VolunteersCHS@chsfl.org or visit www.chsfl.org/holidaydrive for your local contact.