



UNITED FAMILY SERVICES' HOLIDAY STORE

Each year, United Family Services creates a special Holiday Store for our clients and their families who have been impacted by intimate partner violence, sexual violence, child maltreatment, homicide and/or other violent crimes during the past year. These families have survived a very difficult time and are striving to create a healthy life filled with peace, safety and love.

The Holiday Store is filled with new toys and gifts generously donated by individuals, families, associations, churches and businesses in our local community. Our clients and their children spend a few hours '*shopping*' in our store for holiday presents for one another—the moms shop for their children and the children shop for their moms. All of the items in the store are free to our clients and their children.

The store helps women and their children create a special family holiday season, even during crisis. It also empowers our clients and their families to celebrate the successes they have achieved throughout the past year.

The day includes a holiday party that is held in conjunction with the Holiday Store; it gives our clients the opportunity to socialize with the UFS staff and others with whom they have formed friendships and support networks. They are able to enjoy the holiday season with food, gifts and special friends.

How Can You Help?

We need your support more than ever this year. You can help provide happiness for families by donating wish list items and volunteering in various capacities.

For more information about donating gift items or to volunteer your time, please contact Joey Honeycutt at volunteer@ufscit.org.

For general information about United Family Services, please contact Kelly Coyne at kcoyne@ufscit.org or 704-367-2706.



Holiday Store Hours

Saturday, December 17, 2011
9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Donation Drop-off Hours & Location

Trinity Episcopal School
750 E. 9th Street
Charlotte, NC 28202

1:00 – 6:00 pm
Wednesday, December 14
Thursday, December 15
Friday, December 16

How can I get Involved with the Holiday Store?

- You may purchase new gift items which are listed on the Holiday Store wish list (found online at www.unitedfamilyservices.org/wishlist.html).
- Gift items **must** be dropped off at Trinity Episcopal School, located at 750 E. 9th Street, Charlotte, NC, from 1:00-6:00 PM on the following dates **ONLY**:
 - December 14, 2011
 - December 15, 2011
 - December 16, 2011

What are the Holiday Store Volunteer Opportunities?

Volunteers are needed to:

- Donate gifts to families in need! We accept items from individuals, families, civic groups, businesses and corporations.
- Assist in donation drop-off December 14-16 from 1-6pm
- Store set-up on December 16 from 12-4
- Work at the Holiday Store on December 17
- Bring, set-up and/or serve food on December 17

How Much Time Must I Commit to Volunteering at the Holiday Store?

Any amount of time you are willing to volunteer.

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2011 Wish List

****Please note—**

- **Please donate NEW unwrapped items**
- **Non-violent toys only**
- **Items bolded in black are desperately needed.**

Household Items

- Kitchen Items
 - Coffee Pot/Coffee Mugs
 - **Dishware**
 - **Bakeware**
 - Silverware
 - Glassware
 - **Small Appliances**
 - Kitchen Utensils
- Linens
 - **Bed-in-bag sets (for adults& kids)**
 - Bed sheets
 - Comforters/Blankets
 - Pillows/Pillowcases
- Bath Items
 - Shower curtains
 - **Towel and washcloth sets**
 - Coordinating Bathroom Items

Women's Clothing—needed in sizes from XS-XXXL

- **Pajama Sets**
- **Scarf/gloves/winter hat sets**
- Robes
- Slippers
- Jackets and Coats

Children's Clothing

- Infant/toddler clothes
- School-age children's clothes
- **Clothing for teenagers**
- Scarf/mittens/hat sets
- Pajama sets
- Slippers
- Jackets/Coats

Toys/Games—needed for all ages and abilities

- Art supplies (crayons, paints, craft sets, colored pencils)
- Puzzles
- **Sports equipment**
- **Soccer balls, footballs, baseballs**
- Trucks/Cars
- Building blocks
- Educational toys
- **Board games for children and families**
- Infant and toddler toys

- **Games for teens**

- Play-Doh

Miscellaneous Items

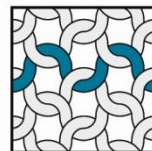
- **MP3 players**
- **Umbrellas for adults and children**
- Jewelry sets
- Bath soap sets
- Purses/wallets
- **Gift Cards**
 - **Electronic stores**
 - **Big box stores**
 - **Movies**
 - **Bowling**
 - **Skating**
 - **Local attractions**
 - **Sporting events**
 - **Grocery stores**

Holiday Party Food Items Needed

- Breakfast items and drinks
- Lunch items and drinks
- Party Trays
- Desserts
- Paper supplies
- Holiday Decorations
- Table Cloths

Other United Family Services Volunteer Opportunities

We need volunteers to help in a variety of capacities all year long. You can volunteer at any time; however, all persons must attend a volunteer training prior to becoming a regular volunteer. If you have any questions regarding other volunteer opportunities, please contact Joey Honeycutt at volunteer@ufsclt.org



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