



GIFTS OF THE SEASON 2011

Helpful Information

Please do not wrap the gifts. Parents who cannot afford gifts for their family have requested the opportunity to wrap the gifts donated for their children. It gives them a sense of involvement and would add to their holiday spirit as well. **Donations of wrapping paper and/or bows or ribbon would be greatly appreciated!**

Gift items listed on the tags are only suggestions. Recipients are asked to request a gift that would cost no more than \$30, but occasionally families will request larger, more expensive items. If your group, or an individual employee, does not feel comfortable purchasing a particular item(s) on the gift tag, please have them purchase a gift that is appropriate - based on the age, gender and size (if available) that appear on the tag.

Providing bikes as a gift. If you, or a group, would like to purchase a bike to answer a child's gift wish, please do so by providing a Gift Card/Certificate to any store where a bike can be purchased such as Toys 'R Us or Walmart, or purchase a bike that is still in the box and needs assembly. This will help eliminate disappointment for children who have asked for a bike and not received one as they see someone else's wheeled or ridden out of the distribution warehouse.

Generic Gift Drives / Gift Cards. Each year we have difficulty providing gifts for all teens and seniors in the program. Drives for specific groups may be held. For instance, you may hold a drive for teens and collect items such as MP3s, music store gift cards, jewelry, sports equipment etc. For seniors, items such as blankets, gloves, jewelry, household items, grocery store gift cards, etc., are very much appreciated.

Gift cards to any local stores such as Target and Walmart or grocery stores, are also very helpful for seniors and disabled adults. Please indicate the dollar amount of the gift card on the envelope to help us keep accurate records for our auditors.

Please return unused gift tags as soon as possible. If you are unable to distribute all of your tags, please do not wait until the day you deliver the gifts to return them. We need plenty of time to redistribute tags in order to ensure that each participant in the program will receive a gift and that no one is left out.

PLEASE DELIVER YOUR GIFTS ON TIME.

All gifts must be delivered to the warehouse on Thursday, **December 8** or Friday, **December 9** between **9 a.m. and 4 p.m.** Due to the amount of time it takes to prepare the gifts for distribution, on-time delivery of the gifts is important to ensure that the gift will be given to the person for whom it was purchased.

THANK YOU! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Evanyini Perez at (908) 253-6537 or E-mail: Evanyini.Perez@unitedwaynj.org

