



Holiday Needs: How can you support HEARTH's needs this season and beyond?

During the holiday season, we often receive an outpouring of generosity from individuals and organizations asking how they can help. While holiday gifts are always appreciated, our families have many ongoing needs that extend beyond this time of year.

To make the most significant impact, we invite you to consider supporting our families in the following ways:

- **Warm Welcome Kit:**
 - Create a welcoming package with household and personal care items such as photo frames, body care, diapers, hand soap, dish soap, detergent, and cleaning supplies to help families settle in as they arrive.
 - If interested in this need, we'd be happy to provide you with a list
- **Preparing a Home:**
 - Collect household (i.e. kitchen, bedding, and bath) items that are needed to set up an apartment in preparation for a new family - anything from shower curtains to pots and pans and even bedding (bed in a bag)
 - If interested we can provide you with a list catered to your budget
- **Holiday or Anytime Meals:**
 - Sponsor a holiday meal for a family, including all the ingredients and recipes for a festive dinner
 - Provide baking supplies and recipes for a fun family activity
 - Run a drive to fill our food pantry before the holidays!
 - specific list provided
 - Support Monday Night programming (parent enrichment and education) by donating a large meal to feed all of the families for the evening
- **Transportation Support:**
 - Offer a gift card for public transportation (bus passes) or funds for car repairs (oil changes) and gas to help families get to work, school, and appointments.
- **Wellness and Self-Care Package:**
 - Provide items such as bath and body care products, relaxation aids, and wellness kits to help families focus on self-care during stressful times.
- **Education Support:**
 - Supply educational materials, books, and learning games to support children's education and development.
 - Backpacks and school supplies are a continuous need
- **Baby and Toddler Care Package or Diaper Gift Bags:**
 - Include diapers, baby clothes, and baby/toddler essentials for families with young children. We're in need of potty training chairs and underwear!

- **Tech for Success:**
 - Donate laptops, tablets, or funds to help families with digital literacy and remote learning.
 - We also accept old phones and phone chargers to give to families.
- **Emergency Preparedness Kit:**
 - Provide flashlights, lanterns, batteries, and first aid supplies to ensure families are prepared for emergencies.
- **Summer Camp Fund or Gift of Experience:**
 - Support our families by helping us fund summer camp for all children next year.
- **Creative Kits:**
 - Assemble arts and crafts kits for children to enjoy, encouraging creativity and providing a positive outlet.
- **Sponsor a Monday Night at HEARTH:**
 - Fund a skill-building or wellness workshop for the mothers and/or kids, such as a cooking class, financial literacy seminar, or yoga session.
- **Cabin Fever Busters:**
 - Collect gift cards for local outings for the kids to burn energy during the winter months. (Urban Air, Bowling, Fun Slides Carpet Skatepark)
 - specific list provided
- **Emergency Fund Contribution:**
 - Contribute to a fund that helps families with unexpected expenses such as medical bills, car repairs, security deposits, or helping with debt.
- **Gift Card Collections:**
 - Collect gift cards that can make a huge impact on our families, providing groceries, clothing, household and personal care goods.
 - Gift cards we're open to accepting are: Kuhns, Giant Eagle, Target, Aldi, Dollar Tree, Uber/Lyft, Instacart, Walmart, Amazon, Gas Cards, Oil Change Gift Cards

Your thoughtful contributions make a lasting difference, not just during the holidays, but throughout the year. We deeply appreciate your support and commitment to meeting our families' essential needs.

Thank you for being a part of the HEARTH community this season!

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