Ways you can help brighten the holidays for a family in crisis

The holidays are a time of tremendous need, particularly for families who seek refuge at the Family Services Shelter as a result of domestic violence or sexual assault. Many of the women and children arrive with nothing. Your donations are part of the transition process of helping these families become survivors and finding safe, affordable housing when they leave the shelter.

Family Services invites you to consider the following ideas as ways to make this holiday season brighter and hopeful.

Adopt a Family
Your kindness and generosity can fulfill the holiday wishes of families who are currently in crisis or transition in our community. Donors purchase items from a wish list provided by each “adopted” family.

Holiday Wish List
Donate new, unwrapped gifts from our Holiday Wish List (See page 2) to be distributed to women and children who are experiencing homelessness due to domestic violence, or dealing with the trauma of domestic abuse.

Gift Cards
Gift cards help clients regain their dignity and self-esteem by providing them the opportunity to choose what they need, when they need it, during the holidays and throughout the year. Women who have recently left their abuser are often without financial resources for basic needs. This Holiday Season, we encourage the donation of gift cards.

Guidelines
Helpful guidelines follow on page 3 to assist you and your organization in collecting and delivering your generous donations.

For help with your donation, contact:
Family Services
1200 S. Broad Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101 | 336.722.8173 | www.familyservicesforsyth.org
or Brittany Holmes | bholmes@familyservicesforsyth.org | 336.724.3979
Family Services Shelter
Holiday Wish List 2017

Thank you so much for making this holiday season a happy and joyous time for the families we serve. Many families contact Family Services as a result of experiencing the devastations of domestic violence and/or sexual assault, which can increase during the holiday season. While no one can change the past, your gifts can help make this holiday season brighter and their future hopeful.

All gifts should be NEW, UNUSED, and UNWRAPPED and delivered to our Gateway offices: 1200 S. Broad Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101 | 336.722.8173

**Women**
- Sleepwear, Slippers (all sizes)
- Winter Clothing (all sizes)
- Outerwear (coats, hats, gloves, scarfs)
- Shoes (all sizes)
- Perfume/Lotion Sets
- Hair Dryers/Flat Irons/Curling Irons
- Gifts Cards/Gas Cards

**Infants/Toddlers**
- Diapers/Wipes (all sizes)
- Winter Clothing (all sizes)
- Musical Toys
- Dolls
- Toy Trucks
- Shape Sorters
- Young Children’s DVDs
- Portable Strollers
- Pack and Plays

**Children**
- Bedroom Shoes (all sizes)
- Pajamas (all sizes)
- Winter Clothing (all sizes)
- Shoes (all sizes)
- Art and Craft Supplies
- Board Games
- Barbie/LEGO Sets

**Skateboards/Scooters/Helmets**

**Portable DVD Players/DVDs**

**Football/Soccer Balls/Basketballs/Baseballs**

**Teens/Young Adults**
- Winter Clothing (all sizes)
- Fashion Scarves
- Tablets
- Personal Care Items (hair care, perfume/lotion sets, AXE, nail kits)
- Jewelry
- Journals
- Backpacks/Purses
- Gift Cards

**Household Items**
- Small Household Appliances/Coffee makers/Pots, Pans/Toaster Ovens, Irons, Etc.
- Silverware
- Dishes
- Linens-Sheets/Comforters (all sizes)
- Air Mattresses
- Towels
- Wash Cloths
- Small Rugs
- Bathroom Sets
- Curtains

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**Learn more** about Family Services and how you can be a part of the community of solutions
www.familyservicesforsyt.org/itsworking
2017 HELPFUL HOLIDAY GUIDELINES
for Supporting Families at the Family Services Shelter

Thank you so much for making this holiday season a happy and joyous time for families who have been impacted by incidents of domestic violence or sexual assault. The following ideas and guidelines may be helpful to keep in mind as you choose how to contribute. No gift or contribution is too small because it takes the efforts of everyone to create a season of hope that will be remembered for years to come.

WAYS TO HELP:

1. Adopt/Sponsor a family
2. Adopt/Sponsor a single woman
3. Make a financial contribution to the Family Services Shelter
4. Donate gift cards
5. Assist with decorating the Shelter
6. Provide holiday activities
7. Donate gift bags
8. Provide a family with a Christmas tree and decorations
9. Prepare a meal for Shelter residents

HELPFUL GUIDELINES:

❤ All donations must be new
❤ Gifts should not be wrapped
❤ Candy should be separated from gifts
❤ All gifts must be received no later than December 15, 2017
❤ Delivery is preferred and assistance with unloading will be available Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00am to 12:00pm
❤ All pick-ups will need to be scheduled prior to December 8 (No pick-ups beyond this date)

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