



# 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 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 [volunteer@ufsclt.org](mailto:volunteer@ufsclt.org).**

**For general information about United Family Services, please contact Jennifer Lange at [jlange@ufsclt.org](mailto:jlange@ufsclt.org) or 704-367-2734.**

### **Holiday Store Hours**

Saturday, December 8, 2012  
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

### **Donation Drop-off Hours & Location**

United Family Services  
2845 West Blvd.  
Charlotte, NC 28208

Wednesday, December 5th 10am-6pm  
Thursday, December 6th 10am-6pm  
Friday, December 7th 10:00am-6:00pm

### **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. You may purchase new gift items which are listed on the Holiday Store wish list (found online at [www.unitedfamilyservices.org](http://www.unitedfamilyservices.org))
- Assist in donation drop-off –see times above
- Store set-up on December 7th from 10:00am-6:00pm
- Work at the Holiday Store on December 8th
- Bring, set-up and/or serve food on December 8<sup>th</sup>

### **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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## 2012 Wish List

### **\*\*Please note—**

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

### **Household Items**

- Kitchen Items
  - Coffee Pot/Coffee Mugs
  - **Dishware**
  - **Bakeware**
  - Silverware
  - Glassware
  - **Small Appliances**
  - Kitchen Utensils
- Linens
  - **Twin 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**

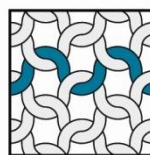
- **MP3 players**
- **Umbrellas for adults and children**
- Jewelry sets
- Bath soap sets
- Purses/wallets
- **Gift Cards**
  - **Electronic stores**
  - **Big box stores**
  - **Movies**
  - **Bowling**
  - **Skating**
  - **Local attractions**
  - **Sporting events**
  - **Grocery stores**

### **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 [volunteer@ufsclt.org](mailto:volunteer@ufsclt.org)



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