Host Your Own Gifts/Toy Drive

Hosting a drive at your place of work, worship or with your friends is a great way to encourage others to give back to those in need. Here are a few simple tips to make it easy and fun! Your efforts will help bring joy to families this holiday season!

🎉 Register your drive! [Click here to register your drive!]

🎉 Choose the dates for your drive. Pick a designated week for your group to collect items so everyone has time to shop and contribute. Don’t forget there will be a few latecomers. Everyone has the best intentions, but life happens. Plan on a few extra days after your deadline to still receive gifts. Our partner agencies will be holding their holiday parties from December 8 – December 15 so we want to be able to provide gifts prior to that. Please plan on collecting all gifts for your drive by Friday December 7. This way we can get them to the families in time.

🎉 Spread the word! Make sure everyone knows about this opportunity to give back! We are sharing posters that you can use to help promote your drive.
  - Put up posters around the office.
  - Share on social media, have your friends share on their social media
  - Email your co-workers and friends.
  - Remind everyone!

🎉 Set up a collection bin. Choose a place that everyone will see. Don’t forget signage – see above for samples. Add your own donations to the bin (people like to see that someone has started!).

🎉 Collect!!! Now it’s time to watch your group come together to support those in need! Let us know when you are done so we can coordinate drop off of gifts to the designated site.

🎉 Drop Off Gifts – Gifts collections is Monday, December 3 – Monday, December 10 at the Police Safety Academy in Wayne, NJ. Please contact us to arrange a time to drop off gifts at our collection site

🎉 Thank You! With your help, many children will have joyous holidays! We celebrate you and your group for putting a smile on the faces of many! Be sure to like us on Facebook where we will be posting pictures of our volunteers and children receiving gifts!
We are collecting the following items for children in need. All items must be new and in original packaging. Suggested price range: $10-$25 per item.

- Board Games, Puzzles, Brain Teasers
- Footballs, Soccer Balls, Basketballs
- Dolls of All Kinds (Diverse Dolls Are Encouraged)
- Arts & Craft Kits, Jewelry Making Kits
- Science Kits, Building Sets, Legos
- Books (Picture or Chapter)
- Infant & Toddler Toys
- Teen & Tween Gifts
- Action Figures
- Toy Trucks & Cars
- Children’s Hat/Mitten Sets

Please bring gifts to: 
_______________________________________

No later than: ___________________________

Collection coordinator: 
_______________________________________

Thank you for making the holidays happy for a child in Passaic County!
Accepting donations of **New Toys & Warm Hats & Gloves** for children ages infant – 14 years.

*Our drive supports United Way of Passaic County’s Winter Wishes program - making wishes come true for children in need throughout Passaic County.*

Collection Dates: Starting: _______ Until: _____________

Collection Coordinator: __________________
Each year the United Way of Passaic County asks for help from community partners, individuals, businesses, faith-based communities, and civic groups to brighten the December holidays for those in need. We need your help to create a joyful holiday season for Passaic County’s children, individuals with disabilities, and families in need.

Donations of toys, outerwear and gift cards will be distributed to the children and families served by Oasis, St. Paul’s CDC, Salvation Army, Highlands Family Success Center, and other nonprofit partners.

For more information, to register your toy drive, donate gift cards, or volunteer, visit www.unitedwaypassaic.org. Thank you!

There are three participation options this year:

1. **Host a Drive!**
   Hosting a drive at your place of work or with friends is a great way to bring joy to a child during the holiday season. We are collecting: new coats, hats, and gloves; toys, teen gifts, sports items, books, & board games. Visit our website for full details on how to run a successful drive!

2. **No Time to Shop?**
   Gift cards in any amount are always a welcome addition to our Winter Wishes program, especially for moms & teens! Suggested stores: Walmart, Walgreen’s, Target, ShopRite.

3. **Volunteer!**
   This Winter Wishes, consider picking up and delivering donations to the United Way or sorting/organizing donations.