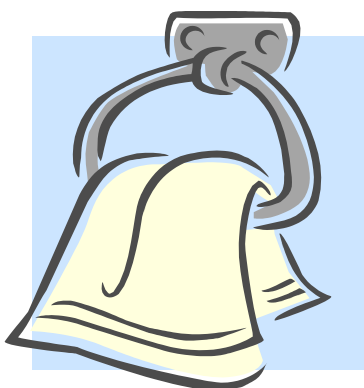


## In-kind Gift Items Welcomed at the Shelter Year-Round

### **Soup Kitchen**

Coffee and tea  
Sugar and sugar meters  
Non-perishable foods/ingredients (*large sizes most helpful*)  
Fresh fruits and vegetables (*uncut, usable*)  
Dried herbs and spices, salt and pepper  
Paper napkins  
Plastic knives, forks, spoons  
Disposable coffee cups  
Dinner plates and cereal bowls – stoneware, Corelle, etc.  
Serving spoons



### **Emergency Shelter**

*(unopened, travel size best but all sizes welcome)*

Deodorant  
Toothpaste, toothbrushes and mouthwash  
Disposable razors  
Shaving Cream  
Soap and shower gel  
Shampoo and conditioner  
Lotion  
*Products specifically for people of color*  
Feminine hygiene products  
Disposable diapers and baby wipes  
Twin size bedding/pillows  
Bath towels

### **Other useful items**

Household cleaning products and paper goods (unopened)  
Gift cards to Walmart, Target, Price Rite, C-Town, Stop & Shop, Marshalls, CVS, Walgreens  
Gasoline gift cards, bus tokens, movie passes

*Items above and on our "Holiday Wish List" below may be dropped off at  
241 Arch Street, New Britain  
Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

Year round, in-kind contributions of used clothing, household goods, furniture, etc. help us most when donated **FOR OUR BENEFIT** to our new partner **HELPING HANDS**, a community thrift store and furniture bank serving more than 150 local non-profits in Greater Hartford and New Haven. When items are re-sold, the Friendship Center receives a portion of the proceeds. Our clients also shop in the Helping Hands Thrift Stores and Furniture Banks at a minimal cost with vouchers that we provide.

*Small household items and clothing may be dropped off at the Helping Hands Thrift Stores. Helping Hands will pick up larger items like furniture, mattresses, etc. for **FREE** if you tell them it is "for the benefit of the Friendship Service Center."*  
Call (203) 782-4800 for pick-up information and/or visit [www.helpinghandsctfb.com](http://www.helpinghandsctfb.com).

# Holiday Wish List

**New, unwrapped with packaging intact, please**

## **Children's wishes**

Dolls – black, brown, and white, Brat doll, Ariel the Little Mermaid, Cinderella, Hanna Montana, Elmo, Dora the Explorer, Cars (the movie), Spiderman, Hot Wheels, dinosaurs, trains, hand held video games, family DVD's, educational toys, puzzles, games, Pokemon anything



## **Baby needs**

Diapers – large sizes (4 & 5)  
Car seat

## **Useful household items (for holiday giving)**

Toaster, microwave, coffee pot, dishes, silverware, glasses, pots and pans, dish racks, laundry baskets, mops, brooms and dust pans, toilet scrubbers, toilet plunger, vinyl shower curtains with rings, full-sized sheets and cotton blankets, vacuum cleaners, toilet paper, laundry detergent (unscented), dish soap

## **Electronics on everyone's list**

Cordless phone with answering machine, CD player, MP3 player, digital camera (printing at CVS or Walgreens)



## **Stocking Stuffers**

Perfume, men's cologne, body lotion, body wash, toothpaste, manicure sets and fingernail polish



## **Clothing favorites**

*(new and unwrapped please)*

Socks – any and all sizes, especially large men's and women's  
Underwear – any and all sizes, especially large men's and women's  
Gloves – any and all sizes, especially large men's and women's  
Gloves and Mittens – any and all sizes for children  
Cotton robes for adult men and women  
Casual street clothing (for work)

## **Gift cards/certificates/passes**

Marshalls or other stores that carry New Britain school uniforms  
Grocers: Stop & Shop, Price Rite, C-Town  
Walmart, Kohl's, Target, Walgreens, CVS  
Citgo gas cards  
Bus passes/tokens  
Tracfone, BOOST and Verison prepaid cell phone minute cards  
Virgin Mobile Top-Up Cards  
Movie passes to Plainville Lowe's Theater  
*(Don't forget Movie Bucks for concessions!)*



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