

# Holiday Heroes

**Compassion in Action**

While the holiday season is a time of joy for most, it can be a difficult time for the children living in the cottages, group homes, or with foster families of Parsons Child and Family Center. Circumstances prevent many of these children from sharing this special time with their families or loved ones.

Holiday Heroes believe that every child is important and should experience the pleasure in giving and receiving during the holidays. Holiday Heroes help to provide happy and memorable holidays for boys, girls, and families receiving services.

Holiday Heroes may be individuals, companies, employee groups, religious and community groups – anyone who would like to brighten the holiday season for a child or family – anyone who believes in the spirit of the season.

### **Sponsor a child and/or family –**

Receive a child or family's wish list and shop for items needed.

### **Make a donation –**

This will allow other Holiday Heroes to select special gifts for unsponsored children and provide holiday activities for our youth.

### **Buy a gift –**

Choose from the “wish list” below of frequently requested items. This will allow us to provide gifts to children entering our care late in the holiday season.

### **Volunteer–**

Opportunities include shopping for gifts, receiving gifts from Holiday Heroes sponsors, wrapping gifts at our Holiday Store, and more.

#### **Apparel & Accessories**

Infant sleepers  
Jeans (toddler, youth and adult sizes)  
Jewelry (earrings and watches)  
Snow suits  
Sports-themed T-shirts and hooded sweatshirts (adult L, XL, 2XL)  
Undergarments (undershirts, briefs, boxers, panties, onesies, bras, socks and tights in youth and adult sizes)  
Winter coats (youth and adult sizes)  
Winter hats and gloves

#### **Electronics**

CD players (portable and clock radios)  
DVD players  
Gameboy Advance SP® & games  
Hand-held electronic games  
Leap Frog® learning games  
Rated “E” computer games (Gamecube®, Nintendo®, PlayStation®, Wii® and X-Box® games)

#### **Health and Beauty**

Bath and beauty products (shower gels, lotions, sprays and soaps)  
Hair dryers, curling and flat irons, hair brushes and accessories  
Infant care products (diapers, pull-ups, lotion and wipes)  
Cologne (men's and women's)  
Hygiene products (men's and women's)

#### **Music and Movies**

CDs (top 40 - no parental advisory)  
DVDs (rated G and PG)  
Musical instruments (drums, guitar, electronic keyboard)

#### **Hobbies**

Activity sets (hook rugs, jewelry and pottery kits)  
Arts and crafts items (coloring books, crayons, paper, pens, pastels, paints, paint brushes)  
Model cars and airplanes  
Household  
Comforters, blankets, and sheets (twin size)  
Infant bedding  
Towels and wash cloths

#### **Miscellaneous**

2009 wall calendars  
Batteries (AA)  
Books and flash cards  
Diaries/journals/stationery  
Wrapping paper

#### **Sporting Goods**

Baseball caps with sports logos  
Baseballs and baseball gloves  
Basketballs, footballs, kickballs, soccer balls, and volleyballs (authentic and Nerf®)  
Fishing poles and accessories  
Helmets, elbow and knee pads (adult size)  
Rollerblades

#### **Toys**

Action figures (dinosaurs, superheroes, Spiderman®, wrestlers)  
Baby dolls (multicultural)  
Baby Einstein® books, toys and videos  
Board games, Yahtzee®, UNO®  
Bratz® dolls and toys  
Building blocks  
Dora the Explorer™ and Diego™ dolls and toys  
Elmo® dolls and toys  
Hannah Montana®  
Harry Potter®  
Hot Wheels® and Matchbox® cars  
Infant/preschool educational toys  
K'NEX®  
Kitchen play sets  
Legos® (all types and age groups)  
Lincoln Logs®  
Pokemon®  
Power Rangers®  
Puzzles (toddler, 3D and adult)  
Remote control cars and trucks  
Yu-Gi-Oh® cards and games

**For more information on how you can be a  
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