

GIFT LIST and GUIDELINES (over)

*The most needed/popular items are designated with *.

NEW items only, please.

Please leave the price tag on each item.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

(app. 20% of our neighbors’ children are ages infant to 5 years)

- Duplo blocks
- Wooden blocks
- *Little Tikes toys
- *Fisher Price toys
- Baby dolls and furnishings (furniture, stroller, cart, clothes)
- Kitchen & housekeeping toys (furniture, dishes, pots, pans, food)
- Alphabet and number toys and blocks
- Crib activity sets and mobiles
- Tool kits
- Medical kits
- Waffle blocks
- Sturdy toddler books
- Sturdy plastic trucks
- Musical instruments
- Simple games
- Simple wooden puzzles
- Toy boxes
- Wagons (Little Tikes)

ELEMENTARY

(app. 23% of our neighbors’ children are ages 6 to 8 years and app. 25% are ages 9 to11 years)

- Tool/science kits
- *Craft & Art kits (beads, lanyard, markers, paints, paper, pencils)
- Board games
- Etch-a-Sketch (pocket doodles, magna doodle)
- *Remote control cars, skateboards
- Hand held electronic games (TV games, fishing, sports, racing, etc)
- Durable plastic sleds & tubes
- Models (cars, trucks ,planes, ships)
- *Dolls (male, female, multi-racial, Barbie, pre-teen, baby)
- *Doll accessories (cases, clothes, house, cars, horses, etc)
- *Action figures and play sets
- Match Box car/road sets
- Sports equipment (balls, gloves)
- Lego sets
- Nerf toys
- Sleeping bags
- Keyboards
- Race car set with track
- Train set with tracks
- Skateboards (age appropriate)
- *Family DVD’s/ videos

TEEN

(app. 32% of our neighbors’ children are ages 12 to 18 years)

- *Personal CD players, IPOD’s, MP3 players
- Skateboards
- Video games (X-Box, PS3, Wii)
- Remote control cars
- *Digital Cameras
- *Boom boxes (CD)
- Art supplies (gel pens, paper, pencils)
- Craft supplies (beads, embroidery thread, kits)
- *Jewelry (good quality gold or silver)
- Perfume, cologne (popular fragrances), body spray set
- Pro sport logo items:
 - Sweatshirts (XL & XXL)
 - Socks
 - Throw blanket
 - Sport bags Duffel bags
- Name brand apparel:
 - Nike Nautica
 - Old Navy
- New Release Movie DVD’s
- *DVD players
- Fishing Pole sets (rod and reel)
- Tackle boxes
- Board games
- Calculators (scientific)
- Clock radios
- Hair dryer, curling iron, flat iron
- *Bath & lotion sets
- Keyboards
- Hand held computer games (Nintendo DSi)
- Back packs
- Sleeping bags (large)
- Sports equipment (basketball, soccer, football, baseball gloves, volleyball sets, etc.)

GUIDELINES FOR DONATIONS and GIFT LIST (over)

1. Kids on the west side of Grand Rapids see the same commercials your kids see. They'd like the hottest things on the market, too. Our shoppers, like you, are looking for what's "in" this year. Please shop with this in mind.
2. Please keep price tags on all items so that we will be able to price them accurately.
3. Our goal is to provide quality merchandise at affordable prices for our neighbors. Local west side merchants sell toys in the \$1 to \$5 range. Because we mark our items at ½ the retail price (which is why we need the price tags on), we request that you donate gifts costing at least \$10.
4. Please follow the gift list, keeping in mind the percentages of children in our neighborhood.
5. Please check all electronics and include batteries.
6. Some items seem quite expensive. If you have been especially blessed and are able to contribute expensive gifts, we receive them with gratitude and thankfulness. Some of our neighbors do work enough hours to earn credit to purchase these gifts for an older child or even their entire family.

ADDITIONAL IDEAS TO FURNISH DONATIONS

1. Fill a Christmas tree with gift suggestion tags. People select tags and purchase the gift suggested.
2. Create a challenge between small groups to raise funds or furnish gifts.
3. Encourage people to shop for kids that are the same ages as their children / grandchildren / nieces & nephews etc.
4. Encourage children in a class to earn money toward the purchase of a gift from their class for a specific age group. Appoint shoppers to purchase the gifts with the money they've earned. Share with the children how their gifts have been used to show Christ's love.