



CHRISTMAS STORE 2011

GIFT LIST

The most needed/popular items are designated with

EARLY CHILDHOOD (~20% of our neighbors' children are ages infant to 5 years)

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

ELEMENTARY (~23% of our neighbors' children are ages 6 to 8 years and ~25% are ages 9 to 11 years)

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

TEEN (~ 32% of our neighbors' children are ages 12 to 18 years)

*Personal CD players, IPOD's, MP3 players	New Release Movie DVD's
Skateboards	*DVD players
Video games (X-Box, PS3, Wii, DS, DSI)	Fishing Pole sets (rod and reel)
Remote control cars	Tackle boxes
*Digital Cameras	Board games
*Boom boxes (CD)	Calculators (scientific)
Art supplies (gel pens, paper, pencils)	Clock radios w/ docking station
Craft supplies (beads, embroidery thread, kits)	Hair dryer, curling iron, flat iron
*Jewelry (good quality gold or silver)	*Bath & lotion sets
Perfume, Men's cologne (popular fragrances)	Keyboards
Pro sport logo items	Game Systems (Nintendo DS, Wii)
Sweatshirts (XL & XXL)	Throw Blankets
Socks	Name brand apparel (Nike, Nautica, Old Navy)
Backpacks	Sports Equipment: basketball, soccer, football, baseball
Sleeping Bags (large)	volleyball
Sport and Duffel bags	



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GUIDELINES

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.