



THE CHRISTMAS STORE NEEDS YOUR HELP

Since 1991, City Gospel Mission has coordinated the efforts of churches, organizations, and individuals throughout Greater Cincinnati to create a store where low-income parents can buy Christmas gifts for their children at a price they can afford.

Our church partners distribute registration forms to parents they know need help. Parents are assigned a set shopping time. They pay a low, per child fee to shop, then can select one new toy item (\$15 to \$40 value) and one new clothing item (\$20 to \$50 value) for each child, and wrap their gifts there. Each year, about 350 parents shop for over 1000 children at the store.

The date/location for **The Christmas Store 2013** is **December 11-14** at Philippus United Church of Christ, 106 W. McMicken, Over-The-Rhine.

We need donations of new toys (\$15-\$40 value), new upper-body clothing (\$20-\$50 value), and cash (to purchase gifts and supplies that are not donated). Donations should be dropped off at City Gospel Mission, 1419 Elm Street, Over-The-Rhine, by **Dec. 9, 2013**.

We need volunteers willing to: transport & sort donations, stock shelves, decorate the store, wrap presents, bake cookies, escort shoppers, stock display tables, greet shoppers, & more.

If you are interested in helping, please email or call Angela Allen,
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Thank you!

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THE CHRISTMAS STORE SHOPPING GUIDE

(All items must be NEW)

Gift Ideas for 9 – 18 YEAR OLDS (\$15-\$40 value)

Handheld Video-type Games	Watches or Alarm Clocks
MP3 Players	MP3 Speakers
Earbuds/Earphones	Boom Boxes
Cologne or Perfume	Gift Sets
Remote Control Cars	Jewelry or Purses
Sports Stuff: basketballs, footballs, etc.	Makeup or Hair Care Kits
Baseball Caps	Board Games
Messenger Bags	DVD's

Gift Ideas for 6 – 8 YEAR OLDS (\$15-\$40 value)

Toss & Catch Games	Dolls (African-American or Latino dolls would be great)
Board Games	Jewelry/Art/Craft Creation Sets
Legos/Building Sets	Educational Toys
Action Figures	

Gift Ideas for

INFANT – 5 YEAR OLDS (\$12-\$40 value)

Developmental Toys	Dolls (African-American or Latino dolls would be great)
Educational Toys	Stuffed Animals (NEW)
"Matchbox" Cars	Princess Costumes
Super Hero Costumes	

Clothing

Considerations for ALL AGE GROUPS (\$20-\$50 value)

Coats	Hoodies	Pro-Sports Hooded Sweatshirts
Fashion Sweaters & Dress Shirts	Top & Pant Outfits for toddlers	

Wrapping Supplies

Scotch Tape	Wrapping Paper	Gift Boxes
Name Tags	Tissue Paper	Ribbon

The children's parents will be shopping for the items, so wrapping your donation is not necessary.

Please label your donations with the age & gender of child for whom those items would be appropriate.

CLOTHING SIZE BY AGE GROUP -- We need more of the LARGER sizes

Infants to 24 months	2-5 year olds	6-8 year olds	9-12 year olds	13-18 year olds
0-24 months 2T-3T	4T-5T, 4-5, 6-6X, 6X-7	7-8, 9-10 10-12	12-14, 14-16, 16-18, 18-20 S m , M d , L g	Teen Sm, Md, Lg, XL XXL, 3X, 4X

Please deliver items to City Gospel Mission, 1419 Elm St., by **December 9**, 2013.