

September 2021



Dear friend,

"Are all these gifts for me? Where did they come from?" asked one residential child at Gemma upon receiving a stack of generously donated holiday gifts. When told the gifts were indeed for them and came from people who care, the child's response was, "I never knew so many people loved me!"

Far too many of the children and families we serve believe they do not matter and feel alone and forgotten. With your help, we strive to ensure they know **they do matter** and **they are loved** – at Christmastime and throughout the year. With your generosity, we will once again make sure the holidays are bright and filled with joyful memories for the deserving youth in our care, and for their families, too!

Here are ways you can help Gemma and the children and families we serve:

- **Make a generous financial gift** in the spirit of the holidays to support children and families.
- **Suggest friends or family members make a financial gift** to Gemma in your honor.
- **Donate a gift card** to help Gemma's children and families have a bright holiday, and to also provide support when needed throughout the year. The most useful gift cards include **ShopRite, Target, Walmart, Amazon, Five Below, Marshalls/TJ Maxx, and Best Buy** in \$25 increments.
- **Provide a gift for a child.** A wish list of gifts can be found on the back of this letter or on Amazon (<https://bit.ly/GemmaNeeds>). **We ask that all gifts are new and unwrapped, please.**

Due to the ongoing pandemic, our offices continue to have restricted access. **Gift delivery is BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** from **Monday, November 29** to **Tuesday, December 7**. Please contact Amanda Bryant at (610) 825-4440 x3307 or abryant@gemmaservices.org or Betty Wu at (610) 519-1615 or efwu@gemmaservices.org to schedule your appointment.

Thank you for helping "our" children and families know they matter and are loved!

Sincerely,



Amanda Bryant
Senior Development Officer



Betty Wu
Development Officer



2021 Gift Wish List

Toys

- Large and medium-sized stuffed animals
- Games – Checkers, Chess, Mancala, Connect 4, UNO Attack, Monopoly, Scrabble, Simon, and Bop-It are favorites
- LEGO sets
- Pokémon cards and toys
- Minecraft toys
- Superhero action figures
- Barbie dolls, L.O.L. Surprise! OMG dolls, and Rainbow High dolls
- Our Generation and Journey Girls dolls
- Remote controlled vehicles and robots
- Tech Deck miniature skateboard toys
- Beyblades and Beyblades arenas
- Playing cards and card games – UNO and Phase 10 are favorites
- Light-up bouncy balls
- Rubik's cubes
- Fidget toys – silicone push pops, spinners, tangles, and cubes
- Dream Lites or other soft night lights
- Books for children and teens
- Wireless headphones/earbuds
- Small Bluetooth speakers

Clothing & Personal Care

- Pajama sets for boys and girls – youth sizes M-XL and adult sizes S-XL
- Hooded sweatshirts for girls and boys – youth sizes 12-18 and adult sizes S-XXL. Nike, Adidas, and Champion are favorite brands
- Slide style sandals – youth and adult sizes
- Adjustable baseball hats – Nike and Philly sports teams are favorites
- Socks for boys and girls – adult sizes 6-11

- Crossbody bags, wallets, wristlets, and fanny packs
- Hairbrushes and combs
- Nail polish, press on nails, lip gloss, lip balm, and makeup
- Toiletry gift sets with body wash, shampoo, conditioner, & deodorant. Dove, AXE, and Bath and Body Works are favorites. Plastic bottles only, please!
- Plastic water bottles – Contigo and Camelback brands are favorites
- Winter coats – youth & adult sizes
- Twin sized fleece blankets

Arts & Crafts

- Craft kits
- Crayola art kits
- Gel pen sets
- Crayons, markers, and colored pencils
- Fuzzy posters to color
- Coloring books and large coloring pages
- Sketch books and drawing paper – non-spiral bound, please!
- Journals – no locks, non-spiral bound, please!
- Origami kits and origami paper

Sports

- Footballs, basketballs, soccer balls, and kickballs/playground balls
- Football gloves – youth and adult sizes
- Basketball shooting sleeves – youth and adult sizes
- Football, basketball, and baseball cards and binders/books for collecting cards
- Basketball tights – youth and adult sizes

PLEASE NOTE:

Donation deliveries are **by appointment only** as our offices have restricted access.
Please see other side of letter for instructions. Thank you!

For more information about Gemma Services and the youth and families we serve,
or to make a gift online, please visit www.gemmaservices.org.