

# MAKE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON MAGICAL FOR HOMELESS AND AT-RISK KIDS



For many of us, some of our warmest and most magical memories of childhood took place during the holidays. Whether sharing a meal with family, drinking hot cocoa by the fire, or receiving a long-desired gift from someone dear to you, the holidays is often a time when most of us feel “home.” But what if you don’t have a home? What if your home is a shelter?

We at Housing Families believe that the holidays should be magical for every person; that’s why we work every year to help our families feel at home.

## The Drive

Now through December 7th, Housing Families is collecting gifts for our holiday drive. All donations will go to the over 1,000 families we serve in our programs during the holiday season and throughout the year. The list on the back gives a good sense of our most popular and needed items. Gift cards and monetary donations are also welcome.



## Wonderland Boutique

As gifts are received, we will open the *Wonderland Boutique* where our parents will come to select gifts for their children. Providing families the opportunity to “shop” for their children allows them a chance to personalize their holiday experience and offers a sense of normalcy for many families experiencing turbulent times.

## The Details

We request that all **unwrapped** gifts, checks, and gift cards be delivered to 919 Eastern Avenue in Malden, on or before **Friday, December 7th** to allow families time to prepare for the holidays. Depending upon staff and volunteer availability, items may also be picked up at your location.

Thanks for joining Housing Families in the effort to make this season one of joy and fond memories for parents and children in our communities. Our families greatly appreciate your generosity! For more information, visit [housingfamilies.org](http://housingfamilies.org) or contact me at (781) 322-9119 x115 or [pkelly@housingfamilies.org](mailto:pkelly@housingfamilies.org).

Warm holiday wishes,

Patty Kelly  
Associate Director of Community Engagement



# Housing Families Gift Drive

# KIDS' WISH LISTS

Gifts to be distributed during the holiday season and throughout the year.

Please bring **unwrapped, new** gifts to 919 Eastern Avenue in Malden by **December 7**.

## Shopping & Experiences



Gift cards (Amazon, Target, Kohls, iTunes, GameStop, Visa, grocery stores, etc.), movie tickets, MBTA passes, tickets to sporting events, theater tickets, etc.

## Current Pop Culture

Marvel comics, Fortnite, Diary of a Whimpy Kid, Dork Diaries, superhero books and figures, Skylander, Shopkins, Minions, Spongebob, Star Wars, Monster High, Handy Andy, Ninja Turtles, etc.



## Teens



Drones, sports watch, Boston teams apparel (size adult medium and above), make-up, nail polish, jewelry, purses, iPods, phone cases, screen protectors, wireless headphones, portable speakers, portable phone chargers, pre-paid cell phones, tablets, keyboards, virtual glasses for phone, bluetooth speakers, pop sockets, cell phone accessories, etc.

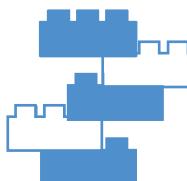


## Art & Craft Supplies



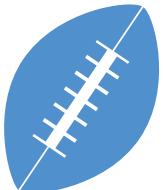
Drawing pencils, pens, journals, paint kits, jewelry making kits, science kits, model kits, slime kits, kinetic sand, Beados Quick Dry Design Station, etc.

## Toys



Legos, Beyblades, Geo Trax, K'Nex, Rainbow My Room, vTech, remote controlled vehicles, FisherPrice, KidKraft, Leap Frog, 14 in 1 Solar Robot, FurReal Friends, Squishes, stress balls, etc.

## Sports Items



Ball pumps, hula-hoops, skate boards, scooters, helmets, table games, sports balls and equipment, etc.

## Household Goods



Diapers, Pull-ups, hygiene products, wipes, linens, pots, pans, pillows, full size blankets, lamps, cleaning supplies, etc.