



Opportunities for Giving

Collection of New Toys for Hour Children's Center at the Bedford Correctional Facility Sun Oct 14 & Sun Oct 21

Please bring new, ***unwrapped*** gifts only (each item is checked by security). Below are merely suggestions for gifts in highest demand. Feel free to donate gifts not listed, but note the items that are not permitted. Contact: Ray Messing (raymessing@gmail.com).

Young Children:

- Rattles
- Fisher Price toys
- Frozen® items
- Brain Quest and memory games

Older Children:

- Makeup: eye shadow, eye liner, mascara, bronzer, makeup brushes, Burt's Bees, lip gloss, shower gel
- Headphones, ear buds
- Watches (no bling, analog only)
- Board games: Apples to Apples, Life, Monopoly, Trivial Pursuit, backgammon, chess

All Ages:

- Arts and crafts kits
- Dolls
- Cars, trucks, and trains

Please ***DO NOT*** donate these gifts (the center is already stocked):

- No Candyland, Chutes and Ladders, Cooties

The following items are ***NOT*** permitted:

- No electronics (Gameboys, etc.)
- No Play-Doh, clay
- No pencil sharpeners, scissors, mirrors, items made of glass or in glass containers, rhinestones, nail polish
- No gift certificates
- No stuffed animals
- No clothing that is blue, black, gray or orange
- No clothing for youth/adults; only clothing for infants/toddlers
- No items that promote violence

Hour Children (hourchildren.org) was named to acknowledge the important hours that shape the lives of children with incarcerated mothers - the hour of their mother's arrest, the hour of their visit, and the hour of her release. Because a strong family connection maximizes a child's stability and a mother's chances of success upon re-entry, the **Hour Children's Centers** nurture mother-child relationships with a variety of support programs, including a holiday shop where women can select children's gifts from a selection of donated items.