

gemma SERVICES | because you matter

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Dear friend,

The holiday season has a way of reminding us of what matters most: knowing we are loved, valued, and not alone. Gatherings with family and friends, cherished traditions, and simple acts of generosity create memories that bring comfort, connection, and a sense of belonging.

Many of the children and families we accompany are facing significant challenges. Joy can seem out of reach. The holidays can be marked by uncertainty, financial hardship, and sadness. At Gemma, we walk alongside children and families every day helping them find hope, healing, and the support they need to thrive. Thanks to you, a child will be able to unwrap a gift chosen just for them and a family will experience the relief of knowing their children will receive gifts that bring them joy. Together, we can create moments that inspire hope, strengthen connections, and remind children and families that they are part of a community that cares.

Please consider joining us to create holiday magic for the children and families of Gemma this year! Here are the ways you can help:

- **Make a financial gift** to Gemma in the spirit of the holiday season to assist children and families.
- **Encourage friends and family to make a donation** to Gemma in your honor.
- **Donate a gift card** to help Gemma's children and families. The most useful are $25 gift cards to Amazon, ShopRite, Target, Visa, & Walmart.
- **Provide a present for a child.** A wish list of gifts can be found on the back of this letter or on Amazon at **https://bit.ly/GemmaNeeds**. **All gifts should be new and unwrapped.**

We will be receiving deliveries of gifts to Gemma's Plymouth Meeting location by appointment only Monday, November 30th to Wednesday, December 9th. Please contact Amanda Bryant at (610) 825-4440 x3307 or abryant@gemmaservices.org to **schedule a delivery time**.

Thank you for helping to fill the holiday season with magic for the children and families Gemma is honored to accompany!

With gratitude,

Amanda Bryant

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2026 Gift Wish List

Toys

- Large and medium-sized stuffed animals
- Small and medium-sized Squishmallows
- Weighted stuffed animals
- Board games – Checkers, Chess, Connect 4, Guess Who, and Jenga are favorites
- LEGO sets
- Pokémon cards and toys
- Superhero action figures
- LOL dolls and Rainbow High dolls
- Baby dolls (all ethnicities)
- Remote controlled vehicles (battery operated, please)
- Playing cards and card games
- Rubik's cubes
- Handheld electronic games (battery operated, please)
- Fidget toys – spinners, tangles, squishies, pop-its, clickers, etc.
- Dream Lites or other soft night lights
- Books for children and teens
- Wireless headphones/earbuds
- Small Bluetooth speakers
- Puzzles

Clothing & Personal Care

- Pajama sets for boys and girls – youth sizes M-XL and adult sizes S-L
- Robes – youth and adult sizes
- Toiletry gift sets for boys or girls. Dove, Axe, and Bath & Body Works are favorites
- Personal care items including body wash, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, body mist or spray, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. Plastic bottles only, please!
- Plastic water bottles
- Hooded sweatshirts for girls and boys – youth sizes 12–18 and adult sizes S–L. Nike, Adidas, Champion, and Under Armor are favorite brands
- Adidas or Nike slide style sandals – youth and adult sizes
- Crocs and Crocs-style sandals – youth and adult sizes
- Jibbitz or charms for Crocs-style sandals
- Adjustable baseball hats – Nike and Philly sports teams are favorites
- Athletic socks – Nike is a favorite.
- Hairbrushes and combs
- Hair accessories – scrunchies, headbands, barrettes, etc.
- Nail stickers, press-on nails (no glue), lip gloss, lip balm, and makeup
- Winter coats – youth & adult sizes
- Winter hats & gloves – youth & adult sizes
- Children's weighted blankets

Arts & Crafts

- Craft kits (sand art, sun catchers, etc.)
- Crayola art kits
- Diamond or crystal art kits
- Paint by number kits
- Gel pen sets
- Acrylic paint markers
- Stickers and sticker sheets
- Crayons, markers, and colored pencils
- Coloring books and large coloring pages
- Sticker by number books
- Sketch books and drawing paper – non-spiral bound, please!
- Journals- no locks, non-spiral bound, please!
- Small and Medium art canvases
- Air dry clay (like Model Magic)
- Beads & jewelry making supplies

Sports

- Footballs and basketballs
- Over-the-door basketball hoops
- Football gloves – youth and adult sizes
- Basketball shooting sleeves – youth and adult sizes
- Sports posters

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