

HOLIDAY WISH LIST

BRING JOY AND HOPE
TO A YOUNG PERSON
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

WHAT: Bring joy and hope to a young person or young family this holiday season by purchasing items from their Holiday Wish List!

HOW: Starting in October, participants of HOPE 4 Youth will complete their Holiday Wish Lists. Members of the community can support a youth by surprise purchasing these items for an extra special holiday gift.

WHY: The holiday season is a time of love and joy for everyone! For individuals experiencing homelessness, this can be a time of stress and feeling alone. At HOPE 4 Youth, we believe all youth deserve to feel safe, valued and supported while reaching their full potential. Help make this season extra special and filled with care by supporting a youth's Holiday Wish List.

WHEN: October 14th: Register to support a Holiday Wish List
Week of November 11th: You will receive your matched youth participant(s)
November 25th - December 14th: Turn in purchased Wish List items

WHERE: Turn in items to:
HOPE 4 Youth Center
2665 4th Ave North, Suite 40
Anoka, MN 55303



To register for
this event, use the
QR code here!

Last year we supported 120 youth and 90 children through our holiday gift support!

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- 1. COMPLETE THE HOLIDAY WISH LIST REGISTRATION FORM**
- 2. RECEIVE YOUR YOUTH MATCH BY EMAIL**
- 3. HAVE FUN SHOPPING FOR YOUR HOLIDAY MATCH(ES)**
- 4. TURN IN YOUR SPECIAL ITEMS TO HOPE 4 YOUTH ON CHOSEN DATE**

WHO CAN SUPPORT A HOLIDAY WISH LIST?

All are welcome to join this event! You are welcome to join as yourself, your family, on behalf of your religious or social organization, or on behalf of your employer or business.

WHAT IS THE MONETARY COMMITMENT?

The commitment is to spend \$100 per youth for their gifts. If you received a family, the commitment is to spend \$100 per member of the family for their gifts. You are not required to purchase all items on the Wish List as they may total over \$100.

We encourage you to provide a \$50 - \$100 gift card to Target, Walmart, or a gas station in addition to your gifts to provide opportunity to purchase additional essential items over the holidays.

WILL I GET TO CHOOSE IF I RECEIVE AN INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY?

At HOPE 4 Youth, we have many individuals who use our services. 25% of these individuals are parenting children of their own. You are welcome to note at the bottom of your registration form that you would like to receive a family, but it is not guaranteed.

An example: When registering, if you indicate you would like to support "4 individuals," you may receive a family of four, two families of two, a mix of a family and individual, or all individuals.

HOW WILL I KNOW WHAT TO PURCHASE?

Once you have completed and submitted the response form, HOPE 4 Youth will match you. You will receive the Wish List that has been completed. It will include a gender note for all adults. For children, you will receive the child's gender and age. The Wish Lists will not have names for confidentiality reasons.

DO I NEED TO COMPLETE ALL PURCHASES BEFORE BRINGING IN ITEMS?

Yes, we do need all purchases to be brought in together for each youth. Gifts need to arrive in a box, unwrapped, with the family number clearly written on the box that you use to bring the items in. For example, if I am assigned Youth #22, I will purchase, gather, and place all items together into a box and then label that box “Youth #22” to help organize drop off.

WHEN ARE ITEMS DUE?

All Holiday Wish List items must be received at the HOPE 4 Youth Center (located at 2665 4th Ave North, Suite 40, Anoka) on one of the following dates:

- Wednesday November 20th 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Wednesday November 27th 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Wednesday December 4th 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Saturday December 7th 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Wednesday December 11th 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Saturday December 14th 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Additional drop-off appointments available by scheduling with Mari Dahlke

SHOULD I WRAP ITEMS?

Please leave gifts unwrapped.

You are welcome to add wrapping paper, tape, and ribbon to your gift to donate to the HOPE 4 Youth Center so youth can wrap their items.

ADDITIONAL WAYS TO SUPPORT:

HOST A GIVING TREE

During the holidays, we see many youth with additional needs for support. You can help make the holidays extra special by hosting a Giving Tree Donation Drive to collect special items that bring joy!

- Contact Mari Dahlke for a specific list of top needed items
- Post and share this list with your community, work, friends, and family to collect items
- Turn in the items before the holiday season ends

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WHY HOPE 4 YOUTH?

- For every dollar you donate, you will provide critical support for youth experiencing homelessness with housing, education, employment, and prevention.
- In 2023, youth made over **3,642** visits to the HOPE 4 Youth Center to receive services.
- 25% of these youth are parenting their own children
- In 2024, we have seen the highest number of youth visiting our HOPE 4 Youth Center than ever before.
- Scan the QR Code to read our 2023 Annual Impact Report to learn more about the impact we made last year



QUESTIONS?

Contact: Mari Dahlke, Community Engagement Coordinator at mdahlke@hope4youthmn.org or 763.323.2066 ext. 118

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