



Providing Pathways to End Youth Homelessness

2025 HOLIDAY WISH LIST

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WHAT: Spread 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 13th: Register to support a Holiday Wish List
Week of November 3rd: You will receive your matched youth participant(s)
November 22nd - December 6th: 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, SCAN
THE QR CODE!

Last year we supported 184 youth and 120 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 support as an individual, family, on behalf of your religious or social organization, or on behalf of your employer/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 family member for their gifts. You are not required to purchase all items on the Wish List as they may total over \$100.

It is optional to provide a \$50 - \$100 gift card in addition to your gift to Target, Walmart, or a gas station to allow the youth/family an 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. 30% 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 specific match, but it is not guaranteed.

An example: When registering, if you indicate you would like to support “4 individuals,” it would show you would like to support four individual youth. If you note, “a mom & child”, it would indicate you would like to support a small family.

HOW WILL I KNOW WHAT TO PURCHASE?

Once you have completed and submitted the response form, you will be matched with a young person/people. You will receive their Wish List they 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.

WHEN ARE ITEMS DUE?

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

- Wednesday, November 19th, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Saturday, November 22nd, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 26th, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 3rd, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Saturday, December 6th, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 10th, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Saturday, December 13th, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Additional drop-off appointments available by scheduling with Mari Dahlke

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

Yes! All items for the gift need to come together for the turn in. This includes: all individuals, individuals in the family, and the optional giftcard addition.

HOW SHOULD I PACKAGE ITEMS TO TURN IN?

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.

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 gift cards to local grocery stores, Target, Walmart, restaurants/fast food, and gas stations. Values in \$20 - \$100 help make a difference!

HOST A DONATION DRIVE

Help support our pantry and clothing closet by collecting essential items of support! We have designated lists of top needed items related to food, hygiene, diapers, underwear & socks, and more!

MAKE GRAB & GO KITS

Grab and Go Kits are a great group activity to support the youth. Essential item kit examples include: breakfast kits, lunch kits, hygiene kits, laundry kits, and first aid kits. Extra special kits to support youth in a unique way include: art kits, spa kit, family game night basket, top-loved snacks kit, etc.

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WHY HOPE 4 YOUTH?

Each youth who walks through our doors brings a unique story, often shaped by various challenges they faced as a young person. We believe there is potential within every youth. Through our programs and services, youth have the opportunity to learn, grow, and develop the skills they need, not just to survive, but to thrive.

- In 2024, 650 youth made 5,185 visits to the HOPE 4 Youth Center to receive services. This is a 32% increase over last year (2023).
- 30% of these youth are parenting their own children
- For every dollar you donate, you will provide critical support for youth experiencing homelessness with housing, education, employment, and prevention. Supporting our Holiday Wishes shows extra care and support during a season of joy!
- Scan the QR Code to read our [2024 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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