



2026 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 stressful and lonely time. 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 hope by supporting a youth's Holiday Wish List.

WHEN: October 12th: Register to support a Holiday Wish List
Week of November 9th: You will receive your matched youth participant(s)
November 21st - December 12th: 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 193 youth and 136 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 participate in this event! You can 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.

CAN I CHOOSE TO RECEIVE AN INDIVIDUAL OR A 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; however, this is **not guaranteed**.

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:

- Saturday, November 21st - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 2nd - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Saturday, December 5th - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 9th - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Saturday, December 12th - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 16th - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Additional dates available by scheduling an appointment with Mari Dahlke

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

Yes! All gift items need to be turned in together. This includes: All individuals, individuals in the family, and the optional gift card addition.

HOW SHOULD I PACKAGE ITEMS TO TURN IN?

Gifts need to arrive in a box, unwrapped or wrapped, with the family number clearly written on the box used to bring items in. For example, if I am assigned Youth #22, I will purchase, gather, and place all items together in a box and 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 - \$50 help make a difference!

HOST A DONATION DRIVE

Help support our pantry and clothing closet by collecting essential items of support! **We have designated top need lists for 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 2025, 878 youth made 7,394 visits to the HOPE 4 Youth Center to receive services. This is a 35% increase over last year (2025).**
- **27%** 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 **2025 Annual Impact Report** to learn more about the impact we made last year



QUESTIONS?

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