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Dear Friends of Summit County Children Services:

The Holidays are all about the children we serve, and we are thankful for your continued interest in and support for our various Holiday Programs. We appreciate our partnership with you in helping to make the holidays more joyous for the children and families. Last year, nearly 2,200 children received holiday gifts through our Holiday Toy Room Program or were 'adopted' by donors who provided holiday gifts for specific children. In addition, more than 60 needy families received grocery store gift cards for family holiday meals.

As we begin to plan for this year's Holiday season, we respectfully ask for your support again for one or more of the programs listed below.

2017 Holiday Toy Room Program

For many caregivers, clients, foster parents and grandparents, selecting a new toy or gift donated to the agency's Holiday Toy Room for the children in their care makes a tremendous difference to their holidays. *New toys and gifts for school-age girls, teens and infants are especially needed (a list of suggested ideas is enclosed).* Since the Toy Room opens November 29, donations made before this date are very much appreciated!

2017 Adopt-A-Family Program

Through this program, donors 'adopt' a child/family and provide (suggested) gifts for individual children who are from families with overwhelming financial needs. Each child develops a 'wish list' of reasonably priced items, and donors purchase, wrap and deliver the gifts to the agency on or before Friday, December 8.

2017 Grocery Gift Card Program

Families in need often have difficulty providing for family meals towards the end of the month, especially during the holidays. This program helps to ensure that children and their families will have food during this Holiday season. **Donations of \$20 or \$25 gift cards are needed.**

NOTE: *In the event that financial contributions exceed what is needed for this specific program, Summit County Children Services will use all remaining contributions to directly benefit children served by the agency.*

These programs are supported entirely by community donations, and we invite you and/or your company or group to consider helping with one or more programs this year. Please contact the Community Relations Department at (330) 379-1994 or send an email to sdeluca@summitkids.org. We sincerely thank you for your continued generosity and support for children and families in Summit County.

Sincerely,

Julie Barnes, M.Ed., LSW
Executive Director



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2017 Holiday Toy Room Program

Children served by Summit County Children Services need special care ... and you can help! Please consider donating NEW toys or gift cards for a child this holiday season.

Through the agency's **Holiday Toy Room Program**, family caregivers, such as foster parents, grandparents and other relatives, are able to select gifts for the children in their care. For many of these families, this extra support makes a tremendous difference.

Donations are needed immediately!

So that gifts can be available while the Toy Room is open, please drop off donations between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m., seven days a week, through December 22 to:

Summit County Children Services
264 S. Arlington Street, Akron 44306

NOTE: The entrance is at the intersection of S. Arlington Street and Martin Avenue (at the stop light). Once through the gates, please veer right and pull up in front of the main administration building.



For more information about our holiday programs, please visit summitkids.org, or contact Sandy DeLuca at sdeluca@summitkids.org or (330) 379-1994.

Holiday Toy Room Giving Ideas

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TOYS AND GAMES FOR:

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Minions, Star Wars, Captain Underpants, My Little Pony, Frozen, Wonder Woman & other Marvel/DC characters

Tweens & Teens*

*Greatest need items are in red

*Ask a teen friend for additional ideas!
We have more teens in care than
children in any other age group.*

- ♦ **Body pillows and pillow cases***
- ♦ **Brightly colored slippers***
- ♦ **Ear buds and flashdrives***
- ♦ **Headphones***
- ♦ **Speakers (to connect to phones)***
- ♦ **Electronics of any kind, under \$25***
(portable CD, DVD and MP3 players)
- ♦ **Infinity scarves***
- ♦ **Sports jerseys (L & XL)***
- ♦ Sports Balls
- ♦ Sports equipment, sleds, snowboards
- ♦ Fabric-covered bulletin boards
- ♦ Brightly colored throw pillows—animal
prints, feathers, etc.
- ♦ Scarf/glove/headband sets—funky colors
and designs
- ♦ Board games
- ♦ Gift cards to teen-favored stores,
department stores and fast food restaurants

School-Age Children

*Greatest need items are in red

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| ♦ Dolls* (all ethnicities) | ♦ Blocks, Lincoln Logs |
| ♦ Doll accessories* | ♦ Board games |
| ♦ Large cars & trucks* | ♦ LEGOS sets |
| ♦ Minion toys* | ♦ Transformers |
| ♦ Star Wars toys* | ♦ Hand-held games |
| ♦ Activity books* | ♦ Smaller-sized sports
balls |
| ♦ Inside Out toys* | ♦ Winter sports items |
| ♦ Puzzles* | ♦ Gift cards |
| ♦ Craft kits* | |
| ♦ Action figures* | |

Infants & Toddlers

*Greatest need items are in red

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| ♦ Baby dolls* (all ethnicities) | ♦ Hand-held toys &
Bathtub toys |
| ♦ Baby blocks* | |
| ♦ New stuffed animals* | ♦ Wooden puzzles |
| ♦ Educational toys* | ♦ Plastic food and toy dish
sets |
| ♦ Infant care items* | |
| ♦ Cloth or board books* | |
| ♦ Large size cars and
trucks* | |

NOTE: We no longer accept donations of used stuffed animals.



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