



## Christmas Wish List and Gift Card Information

Can you believe that Christmas is almost here? We are all excited as we approach Christmas once again and get to celebrate with the pageantry, the plays, the carols, the parties, the nativities, the Christmas trees, the worship services, the gifts, and of course the gift cards! Our annual Christmas gift card drive is now beginning which gives us the opportunity to demonstrate the amazing love of Christ through our gifts as we contemplate and celebrate God's gift to us through His Son. We invite you to participate with us in this endeavor by purchasing gift cards to be given throughout our Children's Home ministry.

Our staff will utilize a portion of the gift cards to purchase personalized gifts for our children. The gifts will be wrapped and placed under the Christmas tree to be opened on Christmas morning. The children will also receive some gift cards on Christmas morning, which will allow them to go shopping. Any additional gift cards will be used after Christmas to purchase needed items for the children throughout the year.

It is most helpful for gift cards to be in increments of \$20 to \$100 to major chain stores and restaurants. Especially useful and flexible gift cards for our children include Amazon, Visa, TJ Maxx, Ross, Wal-Mart, and Epic Theater gift cards. Popular restaurants our staff like to include Darden Brands, Papa John's Pizza, Applebee's, Taco Bell, McDonald's and Chili's restaurants. We also strive to make Christmas morning special by giving each child a stocking made by friends of the Children's Home.

In order to prepare our campus for Christmas, we ask that your gift cards arrive **before December 5th**. Of course, we are happy to receive donations after that date. Helpful Hints:

- We have included a [gift card donation form](#) to be included with your gift card donation. The donor information is optional, but we do need the different types of cards and different denominations listed out. This will allow us to process the cards correctly when they come in. It is important that we receive this form back with your donation.
- We also ask that the gift card denomination be written somewhere on the gift card.
- Please include a gift card receipt with each gift card, as this will help us with processing the gift cards.
- For those who collect cash donations as part of a group contribution, we ask that you consider purchasing gift cards in increments of \$75 to \$100.
- If you know of multiple gift cards from the same donor, please list them together on subsequent lines.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact our Development office at 386.668.5088. Again, we thank you for your love and prayers for our children and this wonderful ministry.



## October is a Fifth Sunday Month

The Fifth Sunday Offering remains our largest source of church funding, and is a vital component to the ministry here at the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. From the early days of our founding, the dedicated work of faithful churches has sustained the good work done here. We ask that your church once again takes up a special offering for the Children's Home on the fifth Sunday of October. We will soon be sharing a video with you to show at your church, or on whichever virtual platform you choose. Thank you for your continued support of the Children's Home.

## LCR Workshops Happening in November

The Local Church Representative (LCR) is a vital person who connects the Children's Home with the local church. In order to help new LCRs acclimate themselves to the role, as well as to connect with seasoned LCRs and share updates about the ministry, the Children's Home typically holds a number of in-person LCR workshops at the beginning of the year. We have also been able to move these training events to a virtual platform. The next virtual LCR workshop will be held via ZOOM on Wednesday, November 16 at 12:00 p.m. To attend, please RSVP to [brian.carr@fumch.org](mailto:brian.carr@fumch.org) and you will be sent information and a link for the ZOOM event. For those unable to attend the live Zoom, we will make a recording available for later viewing. This will allow LCRs to continue your important work of communicating the ministry of the Children's Home with your local church. We look forward to seeing you at the workshop!

## Campus Needs List

We currently have the need for:

**Deodorant for Girls**

**Conditioner**

**Dish Cloths**

**Hair Brushes for Boys**

**Twin Comforters in Neutral Colors**

**Shower Liners**

For more information on donations, volunteering, or campus tours please contact

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