

Holiday Gifts for the Homeless GIFT LIST

Purchasing Chart: Number of people who need gifts

	GIRLS	BOYS	WOMEN	MEN
0-1	15	15		
2-4	25	25		
5-7	25	25		
8-10	25	25		
11-13	25	25		
14-17	20	20		
18-21	10	10		
ADULTS			200	100

Things adults need: (priorities in bold)

- Pajamas including sweat tops and large tops (Large Sizes)
- Underwear and socks (large sizes)
- Deck of cards, easy crossword books, word searches etc. books.
- Slippers
- Hats, gloves, scarves
- Emery boards, Kleenex packs, combs, deodorant, travel size personal wipes, toothbrush and paste.
- Women: nail care products
- Nice pens, small journal type book for keeping notes
- Pocket calendars
- Adult Coloring books, pencils, (the new rage)

Package in sturdy cloth bags with long straps

Things kids need:

- Pajamas
- **Books:** Age appropriate and sensitive to race/ethnicity. Most children in the shelters are African American. Teenagers: Books about people at their age level.
- Stuffed animals (smaller size so they can be easily carried or stored)
- Infant toys
- Dolls and action figures that are not white only.
- Art supplies - not too many pieces and in a reusable container.

Examples

Specific Books

- *Henry's Freedom Box* by E. Levine
- *Of Thee I Sing - A Letter to My Daughters* by Barack Obama
- *Amazing Grace* by Mary Hoffman

Specific Toys

Crayola Washable Multi Cultural Color Markers
Underground Railroad Game
Hearts for Hearts Girls Dolls (Diverse dolls)
Total Non Stop Wrestling Action Figures
Brain Quest Black History ages 9 and up

- **No large toys because the families have limited storage space and move frequently.**
- **No battery toys, unable to replenish batteries.**
- **Games that do not have lots of small pieces or are in a bag that can be re-used. The games should have clear directions and not require adult supervision.**

Older kids and teenagers

- Hoodie sweat shirts - large sizes
- Ear phones for electronic devices
- Supplies for nail care
- Soft small blanket to wrap in when watching tv, reading etc.
- Pocket games
- Word searches, other type of game books, Adult coloring books and colored pencils
- Slippers (one size fits all)
- Fun key chains and jewelry

Where to shop for Multicultural Gifts and art supplies

1. Walmarts on the north side of the city
2. Milwaukee Public Museum
3. Target on the north side
4. Barnes and Noble
5. Hearth Song catalog
6. Dollar Tree

Shop Online

1. Books

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/21-childrens-books-every-black-kid-should-read_us_565f176be4b072e9d1c43b0a

<https://www.amazon.com/Best-Sellers-Books-Childrens-African-American-Story/zgbs/books/3095>

http://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/books/fiction-literature-kids/african-americans-kids-fiction/_/N-29Z8q8Ztzd

2. Black Action figures for boys <https://www.amazon.com/gp/richpub/listmania/fullview/RXP0EC89VT8N4>

3. Multicultural toys <http://www.kidslikeme.co.uk/>

4. African American dolls

https://www.amazon.com/s/?ie=UTF8&keywords=african+american+baby+doll&tag=googhydr-20&index=aps&hvadid=41810694809&hvpos=1t2&hvnetw=g&hvrnd=2547242398456017845&hvpone=&hvptwo=&hvgmt=b&hvdev=c&hvdvcmdl=&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=9018837&hvta rgid=kwd-45849483&ref=pd_sl_4bmagaeydh_b

<http://www.target.com/s/african%20american%20barbie%20dolls?sortBy=relevance&Nao=24&og=african%20american%20barbie%20dolls>

<https://www.walmart.com/c/kp/african-american-dolls-for-girls>

5. Children's Pajamas Wholesale <https://www.alibaba.com/showroom/childrens-pajamas-wholesale.html>

6. Stuffed Animals (wholesale)

https://www.amazon.com/s/ref=sr_pg_2?rh=i%3Aaps%2Ck%3Astuffed+animals+in+bulk&page=2&keywords=stuffed+animals+in+bulk&ie=UTF8&qid=1476907059&spIA=B01C40TKAU,B01CPQHW08