### It is everyone's favorite time of year —



# DIECT ELF!

## **Providing Christmas morning for** children and young adults in need.

Each year, The Christmas Box International works with our generous community to fill Santa's sleigh for children, teens, and young adults who have experienced abuse, neglect, or homelessness. Project Elf offers fun and meaningful opportunities for businesses, families, individuals, and community groups to make the holidays brighter—because every child deserves a Christmas.

#### HOW CAN YOU HELP WITH PROJECT ELF THIS YEAR?

#### **GIFT CARDS \*GREATEST NEED\***

We are asking donors to provide \$25 Walmart gift cards. These empower parents working with the Division of Child and Family Services to purchase the gifts their children want and need. Each family receives two \$25 gift cards per child/teen to help create a positive holiday experience.

#### **Walmart Gift Card Drop-Off Dates:**

(Cards can be dropped off after these dates, but early donations are encouraged so families can shop before Christmas) Please drop off Gift Cards by:

- Thursday, November 13
- Thursday, December 4

#### **NEW & UNWRAPPED GIFTS**

Purchase gifts from our **Christmas Wish Lists** and deliver them to a Christmas Box House, or check out our Amazon Christmas Wish List and have Amazon deliver them for you. Donated gifts typically range from \$10 - \$100. Out of respect for the children we serve and health precautions, we only accept NEW, unwrapped items.

Why unwrapped? Children come into our shelters throughout December. Staff select gifts so that even if a child moves before Christmas, their new placement can wrap and give the gift. This helps ensure no child feels left out or different. At the shelters, "Santa" wraps presents in a special way so each child receives the right gift.

**HOLIDAY DONATIONS** ARE BEING ACCEPTED **NOW**— ESPECIALLY WALMART GIFT CARDS! Holiday gift items should

be donated by Friday, Dec. 19<sup>™</sup>





#### **MAKE A MONETARY** DONATION to help fill in the gaps

If you prefer that we do the shopping for you, you may make a monetary donation to help the children during the holiday season and throughout the year.

#### **DONATION DROP-OFF**

**LOCATIONS:** Please deliver your NEW items to one of these locations:

#### SALT LAKE CHRISTMAS BOX HOUSE

**3660 S. West Temple, Salt Lake City** (Northeast entrance by the Angel statue) Accepting donations: Now through Dec 23 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

#### OGDEN CHRISTMAS BOX HOUSE

950 East 12th Street, Ogden, UT (East entrance by Angel statue) Accepting donations: Now through Dec 23 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM



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#### **Christmas Wish List** These are the **greatest needs**. We also accept new items that are not listed below.

#### **GIFT CARDS \*Greatest Need\***

- · Walmart, Target, Amazon,
- · Costco, Smith's
- TJMAXX
- Old Navy, PINK, Famous Footwear
- McDonalds, Little Caesars, TacoBell, Chick-fil-A
- · Fiiz, Swig, Starbucks
- · Cinemark, Megaplex
- · Hobby Lobby, Dollar Tree

#### **CHILDREN & TEENS**

- · Ulta Makeup Palette
- Ulta Makeup Brush Set
- Fake Lashes
- Popular Brand Hoodie (Nike, Adidas kid/adult sizes)
- Popular Brand Joggers (kid/adult sizes)
- Portable Speakers
- Over-Ear Headphones/Earbuds
- Nice Reusable Plastic Water Bottles (NO metal/glass. Dishwasher safe)
- Craft Kits

#### **SHELTER NEEDS:**

- Vacuums
- Sound Machine / Night Lights
- Duffle Bags
- Switch & Games (Downloads preferred, Rated E)
- Cordless Alarm Clocks
- Lock Boxes
- Silk Bonnets/ Durags

#### **THERAPEUTIC**

- Sensory Oral Chew Toys (kids with autism)
- Weighted Blankets
- Fidget Toys



for your generous support in making sure every child has a Merry Christmas morning.

#### Organize a Project Elf Donation Drive To learn more visit thechristmasbox.org/project-elf

Organizing a Project Elf Donation Drive lets you involve others who might not be aware of the needs of the children being met by Project Elf. Many families, businesses, and groups enjoy the camaraderie of joining together to give, and to **invite others to give**.

Donation drives are also a great way for youth to gain a greater appreciation for the blessings they have by sharing them with others who are less fortunate.

## There are numerous ways to conduct a successful Project Elf Donation Drive:

- Using a giving tree with Project Elf ornaments listing gifts from the Christmas Wish Lists (and of course gift cards)
- Passing out fliers to your neighborhood and then having a donation Pickup day
- Have a "Bring a Gift to Work Day"
- Host a Facebook fundraiser

#### **IMPORTANT HOLIDAY INFORMATION TO KEEP IN MIND:**

- Walmart Gift Cards Due Dates: Nov. 13<sup>™</sup> and Dec. 4<sup>™</sup>
  \*We accept gift cards after these dates\*
- Christmas Box Donation Center (NEW LOCATION)
  1415 South 700 West, Salt Lake City, UT Door by loading dock 2
  Accepting donations: ONLY Dec 15–19 | 9:00 AM 5:00 PM
- Not accepting donations on December 24<sup>™</sup> & 25<sup>™</sup>
- Monetary donations are welcome at any time!
- For items to be utilized as holiday gifts, they should be donated no later than FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19<sup>™</sup>.
- We only accept NEW, UNWRAPPED items.
- The Christmas Box International Offices will be CLOSED Dec. 24<sup>TH</sup>

## Thank you and have fun!