



Holiday Donations

Holiday Shop – We invite donations of new, unwrapped toys, books, games, clothes, and holiday goodies for children from birth to 17 years old. Each year, we transform your gifts into a holiday shop, allowing parents, guardians, and caregivers in our Emergency Shelter to select presents that make the season special for their children.

Special teen requests include gift cards (apparel, shoes, and accessories), earbuds, Bluetooth speakers, perfume/cologne, and makeup palettes.

Wrapping Station – To complete their holiday shopping, we provide a dedicated wrapping area where adults can wrap their chosen gifts. Donations of tape, gift boxes, bows, and ribbons are welcome to support this festive station.

Stocking Ideas – We collect stockings to share with adult participants enrolled in the Emergency Shelter during the holiday season.

- ❖ Stockings
- ❖ Earbuds
- ❖ Blue tooth speakers
- ❖ Handwarmers
- ❖ Head Lamps
- ❖ Batteries
- ❖ Gift Cards (gas, Walmart, fast food)
- ❖ Power banks
- ❖ Stress Balls
- ❖ Travel Mugs
- ❖ Reusable Water Bottles
- ❖ Umbrellas
- ❖ Manicure sets
- ❖ Headbands/Makeup Turbans
- ❖ Self-care hygiene (cologne/perfume/body scrubs/lotions/etc.)

Drop Off deadline for all donations – December 12, 2024

Holiday Events

Singing Christmas Tree – December 13, 2024 – Thanks to Carolina Voices, our participants can attend the annual Sneak Preview of the Singing Christmas Tree. If you'd like to contribute to a pre-show dinner at a local restaurant, please reach out to Melissa McKeown, melissa.mckeown@unionshelter.org.

Holiday Shop Volunteers – December 20, 2024 – Looking for a way to volunteer? Join us for a festive day helping at the Holiday Shop. Volunteer opportunities may include cookie or gingerbread house decorating, childcare, holiday shop assistants, wrap station helpers, set up and break down, etc.

For more information or to support the Community Shelter holiday season, contact Jamie Hart at Jamie.hart@unionshelter.org or 980-222-9959.