

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. Holiday Shop

Special teen requests include wireless earbuds, Bluetooth speakers, accessories, games, perfume/cologne, and makeup palettes. Holiday Shop

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. Wrapping Station Needs List

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

- Stockings
- Wireless Earbuds
- Blue tooth speakers
- Handwarmers
- Head Lamps
- Power banks
- Stress Balls/Squishies
- Travel Mugs
- Reusable Water Bottles
- Umbrellas
- Manicure sets
- Headbands/Makeup Turbans
- Ski Masks
- Sunglasses
- Activity Books (Word Search, Sudoku, Crosswords)

Drop Off deadline for all donations – December 11, 2026

Holiday Events

Singing Christmas Tree – December 11, 2026 – 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 at melissa.mckeown@unionshelter.org.

Holiday Shop Volunteers – December 18, 2026 – 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 Dierdre Barbee at Deirdre.barbee@unionshelter.org or 980-220-9485.