



**Christmas is a special time at Presbyterian Children's Village with many opportunities to help our children and families . Some ideas are listed below.
New ideas are welcome!**

Please deliver your new, unwrapped gifts between November 28 and December 16, 2011.

Gifts for Children: PCV reaches about 500 children each year with Christmas gifts.

You can choose to buy a gift for a specific child—or bring a gift and let our staff route it to someone who would love to have it (lists of recommendations are available.) If you want to shop for a specific child, you can receive a list of first names and ages of children in our program and a list of their wishes. The gift wishes listed are just that: wishes. They provide clues to the interests of a particular child. As a donor, you should feel free to buy gifts according to your own beliefs and means.

Adopt a Family: Donors receive general guidelines and a profile of your family. Because of confidentiality regulations, we list first names only, genders, ages and sizes (if clothes are requested). The family profile will also include a wish list of their needs as well as a general list of household needs. This is a great opportunity for a youth group service project, businesses, book clubs, and other organizations. Some families decide to shop for a needy family rather than purchase gifts for each other.

Adopt a Cottage: Provide identical gifts for all ten residents of a cottage (teenagers). Ideas include:

- ◆ *Girls:* sets of arts and/or craft supplies or sewing kits; baskets of toiletries including items such as lotion, body wash, perfume, astringent (all items must be in plastic containers)
- ◆ *Boys:* popular items include age-appropriate LEGO or K'NEX, handheld games, basketballs, footballs, and MP3 players

Gifts for Teens in Transition: Youth between the ages of 18 and 21 who have transitioned out of foster care live for a time in our Semi-Independent Living apartments. These units can benefit from a number of amenities such as blenders, toasters, twin bed comforter sets, and other household items.

Larger Gifts: If you are in a position to give something more substantial, we can connect you with emergency needs of a particular family or wish lists for our cottages and programs that will have a direct, lasting impact on cottage life and programs and services.