

## SNOWFLAKE WISHES



### **Children's Aid and Family Services** **2018 Holiday Gift Drive Guidelines**



#### **Purpose**

Children's Aid and Family Services' mission is to preserve, protect, and when needed, provide families. Motivated by compassion for vulnerable children, young adults, individuals with developmental disabilities, frail elderly and their families, the agency provides high-quality and innovative services that meet their social, educational and emotional needs.

It is hard to imagine a child or an individual living through the holiday season without receiving a gift or without the gift of a loving family. You can make wishes come true for the children in our care – some who are living through this holiday season without the warmth of a family to call their own. Each year generous individuals, corporations, organizations and community groups support the agency by hosting a holiday gift drive for the vulnerable children and families we serve. These gifts and show of support have a tremendous impact on each and every child and the families that need to pay critical living expenses instead of purchasing holiday gifts for the family. In some instances, families make difficult decisions about how to spend their limited funds. When this happens, other items, such as birthday gifts, school field trips, and holiday gifts, seen as less of a necessity, are eliminated from the budget. But to a child, that one gift can make all the difference in the world.

#### **The Process**

- Please take a snowflake off our tree in the front hall.
- Each gift **must** be returned with the snowflake label provided., which includes the child's name, program, and wish.
- All gifts **MUST be unwrapped.**
- ***Gifts should be returned to Ridge School by Thursday, December 6th.***

#### **We ask that you observe the following guidelines:**

- When purchasing DVDs/CDs for children, please avoid "M" or "R" ratings.
- Large gift items, such as bikes, must be preassembled.
- Gifts should be put in large bags or boxes for delivery, with the corresponding snowflake labels.
- If you purchase clothing, **please include a gift receipt** with the wish in case we need to exchange for a different size – the kids understand that even Santa makes mistakes!

## General Wish List

- Fisher Price Toys
- Head Phones/Small Electronics
- Lego Sets
- Age Appropriate DVDs
- Dolls, Playdoh, Art/Science Set
- Boikdo Stacking Games
- Board Games Ages 7 and up
- Gift Cards to Restaurants, GameStop, iTunes, Target, Walmart, Amazon, AMC Movie Theater

**Thank you for supporting children, individuals and their families this holiday season!**