



2009 Holiday Gift Program

Giving Guide

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612-825-3333

Please join us again this year in supporting Tubman's Holiday Gift Program!

For over a decade, thoughtful donors like you have brought joy to the lives of Tubman's families during the holidays. This event is a cherished part of our tradition, brightening the lives of more than 1,000 mothers and children annually. Nearly all of them have endured family violence and instability for months, even years. To these individuals, your generous gifts are so deeply enjoyed and appreciated.

This booklet includes a comprehensive gift guide that describes the holiday wishes of the families we serve. This year you have more options to choose from. You could give an *alternative holiday gift*—paying for some of the important items our families simply can't afford; or perhaps you'd like to spread holiday cheer by providing treats at one of our service sites? Please read through the enclosed lists and think about how your family, church or work group might like to be involved.

Thank you for your compassion and kindness!

Event Location and Gift Drop-Off Times

West Metro

Lake Harriet

United Methodist Church

4901 Chowen Ave South

Minneapolis, MN 55410

Contact: Eleanor Christiansen

612-926-7245

East Metro

Woodbury

Peaceful Grove (UMC)

7465 Steepleview Road

Woodbury, MN 55125

Contact: Patte Martin

651-738-0305

Drop-Off Schedule (both locations)

	<u>Lake Harriet</u>	<u>Woodbury</u>
Monday 12/7	9am—4pm	9am—4pm
Tuesday 12/8	9am—4pm	9am—8pm
Wednesday 12/9	9am—8pm	9am—4pm
Thursday 12/10	9am—4pm	9am—8pm
Friday 12/11	9am—4pm	9am—4pm

Other times by appointment, please call Eleanor or Patte directly!

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Please RSVP to Tubman at 612-825-3333

Gifts for the Women

Gifts to warm the heart:

- Bath products, candles
- PJ's, bathrobes, and slippers—all sizes
- Hairdryers and flat-irons
- Books—popular fiction, inspirational and cook books

Gifts to warm the soul:

- 2010 planners
- Photo albums and frames
- Journals

Gifts to complete the home:

- Dish sets, glassware, silverware
- Pots 'n pans and bake ware
- Small kitchen appliances
- Towels and sheets (full and queen)

Items for Everyone

- Winter items— hats, gloves, snowsuits, scarves, boots
- Undergarments for girls, boys and adults—all sizes
- CDs and DVDs—movies and TV series
- Board Games like Monopoly, Apples to Apples, Scattergories, Pictionary, Catch Phrase, Life, Taboo, Scene-It.



Fact: Mothers and children fleeing abusive relationships often arrive at our shelters with nothing—no clothes, no money and no toys or books for their kids.

Gifts for the Kids

Teens and Tweens

- Sports equipment, pro athletic clothing, hooded sweatshirts
- Scarves, hats, tote bags, purses
- Cameras, electronic games, mp3 players
- Books: culturally specific fiction, comic books and Manga

Kids ages 2-10

- Dolls of all ethnicities
- Legos, building blocks
- Cars and trucks, racetracks
- Clothing, snowsuits and boots
- Sports equipment
- Art supplies, science kits

Infants

- Umbrella strollers and car seats
- Clothing, snowsuits and boots
- Baby toys, board and cloth books, stuffed animals
- Pacifiers, bottles, baby monitors, sippy cups
- Diaper bags, crib sheets



Fact: Families stay at our shelter an average of 44 days. During that time they receive legal advice, therapy, group support and assistance planning their next steps.

Spread Holiday Cheer!

Help create a warm and inviting atmosphere at one of our primary service locations. You and your family, friends, church or work group can provide treats during evenings when support groups and classes are taking place. Suggestions include cookies, bars, pastries, muffins or other baked goods. Coffee, apple cider, cocoa or juice would also go well with the treats!

Opportunities are available on weeknights from December 1st through January 7th, and you should plan on providing treats for about 50 people. Call **612.825.3333** to schedule a time that works for you.

Special Considerations

Please make sure toys reinforce our value of non-violence; no guns or weapons, please. We'd also appreciate the inclusion of batteries for any items that may require them. Remember, items should be NEW and unwrapped— separate donations of gift wrap, bows, tape and ribbon are welcome.

Do not hesitate to call (**612.825.3333**) if you have any specific questions about items you wish to donate or program guidelines. Thanks again for helping make this especially difficult time of year brighter for the families and individuals we serve.

Turn the page to learn about alternative gift options!



Fact: 35% of our shelter residents are under five years old.

No Time to Shop?

Make a donation that will help change lives!

Childcare Needs

One of the largest barriers for those we serve is the cost of childcare. In order to access the critical services and attend groups and classes that facilitate their path to recovery, they must have affordable and reliable childcare. Your generous gift will go a long way in helping these families meet their needs.

Please consider the impact you could make!

- \$50 Cover childcare costs for a family with two children while mom attends one week of counseling

- \$100 Pay the activity fees for a teen in our shelter to play on the school basketball (or other sports) team.

- \$250 Sponsor a month long children's art class in one of our shelters, including an instructor and supplies.

- \$300 Provide childcare for the children of 10 women participating in a 12-week support group

- \$500 Cover childcare for a single mother attending one year of parenting classes.

**Thank you for your generosity and
compassion!**



Fact: When Tubman was founded in 1974, it was one of only three domestic violence shelters in the nation.

2009 Holiday Gift Program In-Kind Donation Form—Keep a copy of this as your receipt.

Donor Information, please print.

Organization/Name _____ Date ___/___/09

Contact Person _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

In-kind Item(s) - description and value, defined by donor.

_____ \$ _____

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_____ \$ _____

Total Estimated Value \$ _____

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Fact:
*Your generosity can
change lives by
spreading joy and
meeting basic needs
this holiday season!*

