

"Are all these gifts for me? Where did they come from?" asked one residential child at Gemma upon receiving a stack of generously donated holiday gifts. When told the gifts were indeed for them and came from people who care, the child's response was, "I never knew so many people loved me!"

Far too many of the children and families we serve believe they do not matter and feel alone and forgotten. With your help, we strive to ensure they know **they do matter** and **they are loved** – at Christmastime and throughout the year. With your generosity, we will once again make sure the holidays are bright and filled with joyful memoires for the deserving youth in our care, and for their families, too!

Gemma Services Formerly Silver Springs-Martin Luther School

New Hanover Lutheran Church is collecting gifts to help Gemma Services bring joy this Christmas to those in their care. You can help by bringing new, unwrapped gifts to church on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, and Thanksgiving Day, November 25<sup>th</sup>. Place your gifts under the Angel Tree in the welcome center.

In addition, NHELC is receiving **Giant Food Stores gift cards** for \$25 to be distributed through **Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities** to help their clients buy holiday meals.

# 2021 Gift Wish List

#### Toys

- Large and medium-sized stuffed animals
- Games Checkers, Chess, Mancala, Connect 4, UNO Attack, Monopoly, Scrabble, Simon and Bop-It are favorites
- LEGO sets
- Pokémon cards and toys
- Minecraft toys
- Superhero action figures

- Barbie dolls, L.O.L. Surprise! OMG dolls, and Rainbow High dolls
- Our Generation and Journey Girls dolls
- Remote controlled vehicles and robots
- Tech Deck miniature skateboard toys
- Beyblades and Beyblades arenas
- Playing cards and card games UNO and Phase 10 are favorites

- Light-up bouncy balls
- Rubik's cubes
- Fidget toys silicone push pops, spinners, tangles and cubes

## **Clothing & Personal Care**

- Pajama sets for boys and girls youth sizes M-XL and adult sizes S-XL
- Hooded sweatshirts for girls and boys youth sizes 12-18 and adult sizes S-XXL, Nike, Adidas and Champion are favorites brands
- Slide style sandals youth and adult sizes
- Adjustable baseball hats Nike and Philly sports teams are favorites
- Socks for boys and girls adult sizes 6-11

### Arts & Crafts

- Craft kits
- Crayola art kits
- Gel pen sets
- Crayons, markers and coloring pencils
- Fuzzy posters to color
- Coloring books and large coloring pages

#### **Sports**

- Footballs, basketballs, soccer balls and kickballs/playground balls
- Football gloves youth and adult sizes
- Basketball shooting sleeves youth and adult sizes

# **Gift Cards**

Gift cards help Gemma's children and families have a bright holiday and provide support when needed throughout the year. The most useful gift cards in \$25 increments are from the following stores.

- ShopRite
- Target
- Walmart
- Amazon

- Dream Lites or other soft night lights
- Books for children and teens
- Wireless headphones/earbuds
- Small Bluetooth speakers
- Crossbody bags, wallets, wristlets and fanny packs
- Hairbrushes and combs
- Nail polish, press on nails, lip gloss, lip balm and makeup
- Toiletry gift sets with body wash, shampoo, conditioner, & deodorant, Dove, AXE and Bath and Body Works are favorites (plastic bottles only, please)
- Plastic water bottles Contigo and Camelback brands are favorites
- Winter coats youth & adult sizes
- Twin sized fleece blankets
- Sketch books and drawing paper (non-spiral bound, please)
- Journals (no locks, non-spiral bound, please)
- Origami kits and origami paper
- Science kits
- Football, basketball and baseball cards and binders/books for collecting cards
- Basketball tights youth and adult sizes

- Five Below
- Marshalls/TJ Maxx
- Best Buy
- Giant Food Stores (Pottstown Cluster)