

Christmas Checklist

Thank you for supporting House of Refuge residents and families this holiday season!

While our families are focused on getting their lives back on track, the donations of holiday gifts received relieves financial pressure for our families. Your generosity ensures each family will enjoy the holidays and their children will be blessed with gifts. ★★

Ways to Give:

We ask that all holiday donations be new.

- ❑ **Build our Toy Shop:** Purchase children's clothing, shoes or toys to help us stock our "toy shop." Bikes and scooters are also great. We love to provide parents the opportunity to "shop" for their children's holiday gifts. Children in our program are ages birth to teen. Gift cards are also appreciated.
- ❑ **Presents for Parents:** We love to give our children the opportunity to select a gift for their parent(s). Items such as slippers, Bath & Body Works lotions, robes, DVDs, travel mugs and small housewares (like crockpots), are perfect!
- ❑ **Feed-a-Family:** Provide a family's holiday meal. Grab all the items for a delicious meal – turkey/ham, instant potatoes, stuffing, gravy, canned vegetables, rolls and a frozen pie (a roasting pan is helpful too). We have a limited number of families residing at House of Refuge and do not want any meals to go to waste. Therefore, please contact our Volunteer Program for details; volunteer@houseofrefuge.org.
- ❑ **Program Support:** Our Community Center and Employment & Education Center organize programming throughout the year for our residents. We welcome new board games and sporting equipment to restock our Community Center shelves. We also need small items (like bubbles and yo-yos) for children incentives who attend the Community Center. Our Employment & Education Center is used for adult residents for job preparation, to apply for benefits and look for work. We can always use copy paper, pens, interview clothing and flash drives.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- ❑ **Can I wrap my donations?** Because we organize a toy shop for parents to gather gifts for their children, we ask donations remain unwrapped. We do accept donations of gift bags, wrapping paper and tape.
- ❑ **Where do I deliver my donations?** Donations are accepted at our Donation Center - 6858 E Ursula, Mesa, 85212 - between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm. Please call ahead to schedule a time for drop off so we can provide assistance; 480-988-9395.
- ❑ **When can I deliver donations?** Holiday donations are accepted until December 11th. Donations received after the 11th are not guaranteed to be used for the holiday. Holiday donations are used throughout the year for program support, birthdays and other agency needs.
- ❑ **Can I meet a family or child residing at House of Refuge?** Due to confidentiality and privacy, donors are unable to meet families or children. We do have individual and group volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Contact our Volunteer Program at volunteer@houseofrefuge.org for more information. Please know our families are truly grateful for the items.
- ❑ **Can I get a thank you from a family?** Again, because of confidentiality, we are unable to make such a request. A thank you will be sent from House of Refuge for your support.
- ❑ **Is my donation tax deductible?** Yes, please retain any receipts and speak with your tax advisor about deductions. House of Refuge is also a Tax Credit Charitable Organization.
- ❑ **Will I get a receipt for my donation?** Yes, a receipt is given once you have dropped off your donations.