



Ho-Ho-Hollygrove Holiday Gift Drive!

~Help us ensure the children and families we serve have a happy holiday season~

**Hollygrove will be conducting its annual toy & gift card drive again this year from
Monday, Nov. 27 to Friday, Dec. 8.**

On Saturday, Dec. 9 our common room will be transformed by our volunteers into “Santa’s Workshop” – a store where parents/guardians will be able to shop & wrap gifts for their children, at both our Hollygrove and Lynwood sites. The Workshop will be open the week of Dec. 11-15.

To make this holiday season extra merry for our children and families, we are in need of:

- Unwrapped gifts and/or gift cards for boys or girls ages 0-15 (about 1,000 children)
- Wrapping paper, ribbon, tissue, gift tags, etc. for the parents to be able to wrap the gifts to give to their children on Christmas Day
- Gift cards to Ralphs, Vons, Target, Walmart, etc. for parents to buy food to make holiday dinner
- Gift certificates to stores like Claire’s, GameStop, the Gap, Best Buy, Ross, Kohl’s etc., are always great as well – especially for our teen clients, who love to shop and be able to pick out things for themselves.

For many of our children and families, this will be the only gifts they receive this season. (Please, do not donate food ~ gift cards to grocery stores or Target/Walmart are preferred.)

Please drop off all donations to Hollygrove at 815 N. El Centro Ave., Los Angeles CA 90038 (near the corner of Waring & Vine) anytime during business hours between 11/27-12/8. (In some circumstances, we will be able to pick up items as well, if it is local.)

Stumped on what to buy or don't have time to go out and shop? You can always donate cash to our Holiday Adopt-a-Family fund and we can do your shopping for you! You can either send us a check to:

**Uplift Family Services at Hollygrove
815 N. El Centro Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90038
Attn.: Kathleen Felesina**

Or donate online at: <https://upliftfs.org/get-involved/donate/> (select "Hollygrove" in the drop down menu).

Questions? Please contact Kathleen Felesina, Director of Fund Development for Hollygrove at kathleen.felesina@upliftfs.org or 323-769-7142.



There are also other ways to make this holiday season brighter:

Hollygrove serves more than 1,200 children and their families each year, many of whom struggle to meet their basic needs all through the year. Thus, if you would consider donating one or more items from the following list that can be used/distributed year-round, it would be much appreciated. Remember these items must be NEW or UNUSED (and do not need to be wrapped):

- Diapers, bottles, pacifiers, and baby blankets; onesies for babies and toddlers
- Pajamas for all ages and sizes
- Personal hygiene and grooming items:
 - Deodorant, soap, razors, shaving cream, lotion, shampoo/conditioner, brushes/combs, toothbrushes/toothpaste
- Baby shampoo, thermometers
- Make-up, nail polish, hair accessories
- Household cleaning items
- Housewares - bath/kitchen towel sets, plates, silverware, pots, pans, glasses
- Clothing for teens/adults (jackets, sweaters, hoodies, sweats, packaged underwear, socks, leggings)
- Sneakers and shoes for all ages and sizes
- Educational/developmental toys for children 0-8 (shape sorters, pull toys, musical toys, board games, legos, etc.)
- Children's books
- Dolls reflecting a variety of ethnicities

Or, you can make a tax deductible donation to Hollygrove and 100% will go to support the many children and families we serve. Funds will allow us to continue to provide essential basic needs for our children and families throughout the year.

Again, many thanks for making the holiday season a little brighter for our children and families! Our mission is to strengthen children and families, and your support is vital in helping us achieve that goal.

All gifts are tax deductible; however, Uplift Family Services at Hollygrove can only provide a tax letter for cash gifts. We cannot assign value of your in-kind gifts to our families – it is up to the donor to place the value on their contributions and provide the appropriate documentation to the IRS. Tax ID# 94-2295953

