



Dear Friend of HAVEN,

Each December at HAVEN, Oakland County's only agency offering comprehensive services for survivors of intimate partner violence and sexual assault, hundreds of volunteers come together for an extraordinary event called **Gift Giveaway**.

Unlike any other holiday giveaway or "adopt-a-family" program, Gift Giveaway empowers survivors who have utilized HAVEN's services in the last 12 months to "shop" (for free) through hundreds of items that you and other caring community members donate. Volunteers accompany survivors and help them pick out special gifts for their children and themselves. It is a truly rewarding experience for everyone involved.

Last season, with the support of community members like you, we made the holidays better for 670 HAVEN clients—209 adults and 461 children.

Donate gifts:

Collect **new, unwrapped gifts and gift cards** from our wish-list on the back of this letter. We invite you to purchase items directly from our Amazon Wish-List; these items will be shipped directly to HAVEN. To avoid the holiday frenzy and shipping delays, we recommend purchasing items from the site sooner than later.

You will be able to drop-off your gifts starting on December 3rd, 4th and 5th at HAVEN (801 Vanguard Dr. Pontiac, MI 48341). If you plan to drop-off a donation, please contact Jasmine Valentine at 248-322-3705 or jvalentine@haven-oakland.org. These are the only three days to drop-off gifts.

Gift Drop Off Times:

Friday, December 3rd, 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Saturday, December 4th, 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Sunday, December 5th, 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.



Volunteer:

You are invited to have a life-changing experience as a Gift Giveaway volunteer. Volunteer activities include accepting donations, setting up the room, organizing donations, helping clients with their "shopping", restocking tables and more.

To volunteer, sign up at: www.haven-oakland.org/gift-giveaway-2021

If you have any issues with the United Way portal, please contact a Gift Giveaway Committee member at 248-334-1284 ext. 459 or volunteerinfo@haven-oakland.org.

Thank you so much for your partnership,

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Gift Giveaway Guidelines for COVID-19

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Thank you for your interest in volunteering with HAVEN. We understand that during these uncertain times your decision to volunteer is not one to be taken lightly and we appreciate you choosing HAVEN for your volunteer experience. We acknowledge only you can determine your individual health and safety needs and understand that your participation in any volunteer activities is completely voluntary. For the protection of your health and safety, you may choose to opt out at any time.

HAVEN wants you to be aware that we have put procedures in place based on the CDC guidelines. We will continue to adjust these procedures to align with the most current recommendations. At this time they include having staff, clients and volunteers monitor themselves for COVID related symptoms, increased sanitizing procedures and limited building capacity.

All volunteers will be required to wear masks during the event. We will have hand sanitizer available, and there will be socially distant opportunities during the events.

Restrictions:

Volunteers must be age **13 or older** and able to stand for extended periods. Volunteers ages 13-17 will require a waiver signed by a guardian. There is also some lifting involved for all volunteers.

Volunteer Location:

All volunteer shifts will be at HAVEN: 801 Vanguard Dr. Pontiac, MI 48341

To volunteer, sign up at: <u>www.haven-Oakland.org/gift-giveaway-202</u>1

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Our Wish List HAVEN Gift Giveaway 2021



ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW, UNUSED AND UNWRAPPED

Donations of \$20 & \$50 gift cards from Target, Meijer or Kroger are most helpful. As they allow families to meet their varying needs in the most cost effective manner.

TOP PRIORITY ITEMS 🕖

- Winter Coats (gender neutral), especially L, XL, XXL, 1X, 2X, 3X
- Gift Cards (\$20 or \$50), specifically for Meijer
- Blankets & Comforters full/queen size only
- Teen Items (including gift cards), especially traditionally male items
- Kitchen Appliances (microwaves, toasters, coffee maker, crock-pots, blenders, pots & pans, plate ware and silverware etc.)
- · Pajamas for all ages, all sizes

GIFTS FOR ADULTS 19+ AND FAMILY ITEMS - ALL GENDERS

- Winter Coats (S-M-L-XL-XXL-1X-2X-3X), Hats, Scarves, Waterproof Mittens/Gloves (gender-neutral colors)
- Pajamas ONLY (S-M-L-XL-XXL-1X-2X-3X)
- Microwave and Small Kitchen Appliances (coffee maker, toaster, blender, crock-pot)
- Dishes, Pots and Pans, Silverware, Kitchen Gadgets
- Alarm Clock, Iron, Vacuum, Kitchen Utensils
- Blankets, Comforters, Sheets (gueen & full), Pillows (standard size), Hand and Bath Towel Sets, Kitchen Towel Sets
- Family Board Games (Phase 10, Dominos, Apples to Apples)
- Batteries for Games/Electronics (AAA, AA, D, 9Volt)

GIFTS FOR TEENS AGES 13-18 - ALL GENDERS

- Winter Coats (S-M-L-XL-XXL-1X-2X-3X), Hats, Scarves, Waterproof Mittens/Gloves (gender-neutral colors)
- Pajamas ONLY (S-M-L-XL-XXL-1X-2X-3X)
- Makeup Sets, Jewelry, Sports Equipment, Skateboards
- Remote Control Cars and Trucks, Baseball Hats (Detroit area & college teams)
- Video Games (educational, non-violent)
- Electronics (Fire Stick, Chromecast, Amazon Echo, Roku, ear buds, and headphones)
- \$25 and \$50 Gift Cards (Best Buy, Forever 21, GameStop, iTunes, Five Below)

GIFTS FOR CHILDREN AGES 8-12 - ALL GENDERS

- Winter Coats, Hats, Scarves, Waterproof Mittens/Gloves (gender-neutral colors)
- Pajamas ONLY
- Action Figures, Dolls of Diverse Ethnicities, Craft Sets, Art Sets, Bead Kits
- Books, Legos, Cars, Trucks, Remote Control Cars and Trucks
- Sleds/saucers, snow shoes, ice-skates, other outdoor toys/equipment
- Ear Buds, Headphones
- Board Games

GIFTS FOR CHILDREN AGES 4-7 - ALL GENDERS

- Winter Coats, Hats, Scarves, Waterproof Mittens/Gloves (gender-neutral colors)
- Pajamas ONLY
- Action Figures, Dolls of Diverse Ethnicities, Books, Legos, Cars
- Board Games

GIFTS FOR CHILDREN AGES 0-3 - ALL GENDERS

- Winter Coats, Hats, Scarves, Waterproof Mittens/Gloves (gender-neutral colors)
- Pajamas ONLY
- Push and Pull Toys, Sensory or Soft toys, Balls
- Dolls of Diverse Ethnicities, Action Figures, Big Legos, Books
- Diapers (size 4, 5, and 6), Wipes, Bottles

PLEASE

No toys with weapons (including squirt guns). No candles. No DVDs or gifts with violent themes. No edible items. No used items.













Use your camera to scan the QR code to access our Amazon Wish-List !



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IF YOU PLAN TO HOST A DONATION DRIVE, CONTACT JASMINE VALENTINE AT

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Volunteer jobs:

December 3, 4 and 5 volunteers, while adhering to CDC guidelines, will accept donations, set up the room, organize and sort the donations, and take inventory.

December 6, 7 and 8 volunteers, while adhering to CDC guidelines, will help clients with their "shopping," restock tables, help clients carry their gifts to their cars, and help keep our inventory room organized.

December 9 volunteers will pack up and return space to its original condition.

Note: You do not need to find a group large enough to fill the entire shift. Your commitment is important to the success of the event; please do not reserve more spots than you will be able to fill. There will be no rescheduling due to inclement weather – the event will happen through all weather conditions.

**	Volunteer shifts		7
Fri., Dec. 3	9am– 12pm 12:30pm – 3:30pm 4pm – 7pm	25 volunteers needed 25 volunteers needed 15 volunteers needed	
Sat., Dec. 4	9am– 12pm 12:30pm – 3:30pm 4pm – 7pm	25 volunteers needed 25 volunteers needed 15 volunteers needed	
Sun., Dec. 5	9am– 12pm 12:30pm – 3:30pm 4pm – 7pm	25 volunteers needed 25 volunteers needed 15 volunteers needed	
Mon., Dec. 6	9am– 1pm 12pm – 4pm 3pm – 7pm	20 volunteers needed 25 volunteers needed 25 volunteers needed	
Tue., Dec. 7	9am - 1pm 12pm – 4pm 3pm - 7pm	20 volunteers needed 25 volunteers needed 25 volunteers needed	
Wed., Dec. 8	9am - 1pm 12pm – 4pm 4pm - 7pm	20 volunteers needed 25 volunteers needed 25 volunteers needed	
Thur., Dec 9	10am - 1pm 1pm – 4pm	8 volunteers needed 8 volunteers needed	

Thank you! | www.haven-oakland.org



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