

How you can help *The Village* this *Holiday Season*

- 🎁 **Donate traditional Thanksgiving side dishes** as well as other canned or dry goods like stuffing mix, cans of cranberry sauce, yams, peas, pumpkin, peaches, boxes of mashed potatoes, biscuit mix, rice, pasta, gravy mix. Baskets are given to families for the Holiday. *Please deliver food by November 19th.*



- 🎁 **Make a donation** so that children may participate in a special holiday activity:

\$35 pays for a teenager to go skiing (The Village has a really good deal with a local ski area and this price includes rental, ski lift, food and transportation).

\$150 would allow staff to take 10 of the younger children snow tubing.

\$200 pays for a whole cottage to go to the movies or bowling.

\$400 pays for a two-day winter camping trip for 8 boys.

\$500 will allow 10 kids to go to a NY Knicks game or to see a holiday show.

- 🎁 **Adopt a Cottage** by giving each boy a gift (12-15 boys to a cottage, we will provide wish lists) OR one cottage gift to be shared (ping pong table, entertainment console, Sony PlayStation, DVD, CD player, pool table, etc.) *Please deliver gifts by December 18th.*



- 🎁 **Donate new, unwrapped gifts** for children not going home for the Holidays and adolescent boys and girls at The Sanctuary, our Shelter for Runaway and Homeless Youth. *Please deliver gifts by December 15th.*



- 🎁 **Donate gifts suitable for mothers, fathers and siblings** that the boys can wrap and take home for their families. These gifts will be put in our Santa's Store (which will be held on December 14th), when youngsters "buy" gifts for their family members. We especially need gifts for dads and older siblings. *Please deliver by December 10th.*



- 🎁 **Volunteer your time at Santa's Store** on Monday, December 14th from 12:30pm till 7:00 p.m (or any block of time. We need assistance displaying merchandise as well as helping the boys to select gifts for their families.

- 🎁 **Donate A "Wish List" item.** Most requested gifts:



Electronic games of all kinds or small remote control cars

Wool fitted hats with or without sports logos

\$25 Gift certificates to music store or popular clothing store (Old Navy, Gap)



Sweatshirts (XL, XXL and above) with or without sports team logos, Nike sweatbands and headbands

Basketballs or other sports equipment

Board games

MP3 players or iPods & MP3 accessories (speakers, carrying case, gift cards to download music)



Perfume and jewelry for Moms or girls at the Shelter

Aftershave, wallets, watches and other items for dads or older boys

To participate or for further information, please contact **Stephanie Edwards**, Volunteer Coordinator, at sedwards@childrensvillage.org or (914) 693-0600 ext. 1819 or **Marie Floro** at ext. 1587.

Dear Friends:

It's that time again! Every year at this time we ask our friends to help make the holidays special for the children, teens and families in our many programs. Your gifts will bring joy to so many, and we are grateful for your help.

On our campus in Dobbs Ferry, there are more than 400 troubled teens (mostly boys), many of whom are not able to go home for the holidays. With your donations, we provide wonderful gifts and activities for them, making the season special. For some youngsters, this will be the first time they've had a turkey dinner, a holiday gift, or a chance to go bowling, snowboarding or ice skating.

In addition to our campus programs, we operate a shelter for Westchester runaway and homeless youth, a Foster and Adoption program for more than 200 foster families, and we work with another 600 struggling families in poverty-stricken communities throughout the New York area. With your help, we will provide holiday cheer to all these children and families.

Please call Stephanie Edwards, Volunteer Coordinator, at (914) 693-0600 ext. 1819 or volunteer@childrensvillage.org to discuss how you can help.

Yours sincerely,

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