



Better Outcomes for the Holidays

The Center for Autism's 2016 Holiday Giving Program

The Center for Autism invites you to make this holiday season special for the children and families we serve by helping us give a gift to the children in our programs. In addition to caring for a child with autism, over 70% of the families we serve live in poverty. We hope that you, your co-workers, family and friends will participate!

Host a Toy Drive / Donate Toys

Each holiday season, the Center gives each child in our programs a present. Each toy is hand selected for that child, wrapped and given to them when Santa comes to visit. For many, this may be one of very few gifts that they receive. As we have over 400 children in our programs, your support in donating a toy or hosting a toy drive is extremely appreciated. If you would like to host a drive, we can provide you with materials to help in your collection efforts. We kindly request that your toy donations meet the criteria outlined as follows:

- New & unwrapped toys, games, books & activities
- Boys & girls
- Ages 2 through 16 years old
- Due to allergies, no stuffed animals please

** Please see the attached document for breakdown of the children we serve and suggested toys.**

Make a Monetary Donation

Restricted donations designated to the Holiday Giving Program will help us purchase additional toys so that all of the children will receive a gift. Checks can be made payable to The Center for Autism re: Holiday Giving Program and mailed to The Center for Autism, 1740 Walton Road, Suite 100, Blue Bell, PA. We also accept credit card donations over the phone by calling 484-567-3307 or online at www.thecenterforautism.org/donate.

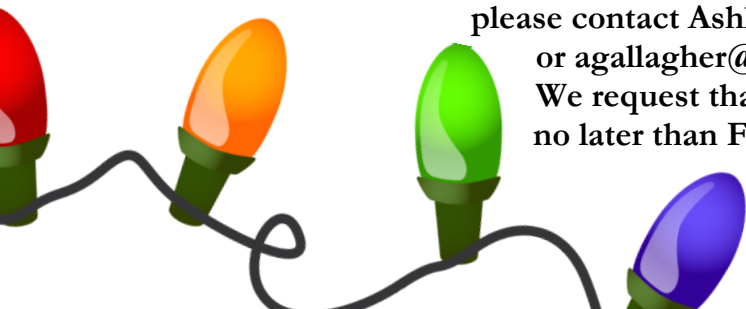
Purchase a Puzzle Piece Gift

In addition to supporting our toy drive, you can purchase a personalized puzzle piece that will be displayed in the lobby of our Grant Avenue facility. They make great gifts for the holidays and are a perfect way to honor a loved one affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder. For more information visit, www.thecenterforautism.org/join-our-new-donor-wall.

If you are interested in hosting a toy drive or donating toys, please contact Ashley Gallagher at 484-567-3307 or agallagher@thecenterforautism.org. We request that donations are received no later than Friday, December 9, 2016.



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Holiday Giving Program Donation Suggestions

Early Childhood Treatment Programs: Ages 2 through 6 years old
200 children (173 boys, 27 girls)

Social Competency Treatment Program: Ages 6 to 16 years old
156 children (111 boys, 45 girls)

Outpatient Therapy Program: Ages 4 to 15 years old
21 children (17 boys, 4 girls)

Suggested toys/gifts for younger children:

- Shape sorters & stackers
- Large block sets
- Chunky puzzles & magnetic puzzles
- Stacking cups
- Play-Doh
- Musical Instruments
- Toy telephone
- Cars/trucks/vehicles
- Matchbox cars
- Baby dolls
- Bubbles
- Large piece jigsaw puzzles
- Children's books
- Arts & craft materials (coloring books, crayons, markers, etc.)
- Make believe items: like kitchen play food, cleaning supplies, etc.
- Popular characters include: Disney's Frozen, Paw Patrol, Thomas the Train, and Superheroes



Suggested toys/gifts for older children:

- Science experiment kits
- Book series (Diary of a Wimpy Kid & others)
- Movies on DVD
- Legos
- Items related to superheroes/characters (Super Mario, Sonic, Batman, etc.)
- Action figures
- Art/craft sets
- Barbie's
- Shopkins

