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Holiday Giving Guide

As the holidays approach, please consider donating to and/or volunteering with local organizations that work to help individuals and families obtain and maintain stable housing. While holiday giving is needed and appreciated, please keep in mind that the needs don't end when the holidays are over. If you are able, consider providing regular contributions throughout the year.



FRIENDS OF YOUTH

You can help fulfill a youth's holiday wish this year with Giving Tree. Now is the time for your office, church group, community group, etc. to get involved and become a [Giving Tree](#) partner. Contact volunteer@friendsofyouth.org to find out how your group can support the Friends of Youth Giving Tree.



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There are several ways you, your community, business or organization can help families in need this holiday season.

- **Volunteer:** Volunteer in our [Holiday Gift Rooms](#) the week leading up to the 25th. If you are interested in one-time volunteer opportunities over the holidays, please contact Liz at ewaesche@hopelink.org or 425.897.3721
- **Host a Drive:** Each holiday season Hopelink transforms its food banks into holiday gift rooms offering new toys and new clothing to children who are clients of Hopelink, making their holidays brighter. You can help in three different ways.
 - » **Giving Tree (Toy Drives)** You can organize a gift collection using tags from Hopelink that describe gift items needed for a variety of age groups. Some organizations do this in the form of giving trees; others might hang the tags around the office, or do something else creative with them. In order to distribute in a timely manner, gift donations should be provided to Hopelink no later than Tuesday, December 11.

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- » **Food Drive** Hopelink's five food banks collectively serve thousands of individuals and families each year. During the winter months and the holidays, we serve a growing number of families with the traditional holiday staples in addition to the normal core menu of foods.
- » **Online Fundraising** You can raise money online as an individual or as part of a team. Hopelink provides you with all the guidance needed to make this a reality. Whatever might work with your group or business, the staff at Hopelink will assist in any way they can.

YWCA

Adopt a Family - When you give to YWCA Adopt-a-Family, you make a direct impact on families that have experienced poverty, violence, homelessness, and more. This program is a great way to build holiday cheer with your family or co-workers. Last year, Adopt-a-Family sponsors made a real difference for more than 1,700 families in the community. This year all King County families have been consolidated into one program with drop off in Seattle between 12/12 to 12/16. There are needs for toy drives, teen drives, volunteers, and donations of Costco gift cards to the holiday meals. Email nhilton@ywcaworks.org for more info.

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LIFEWIRE

Brighten the holidays for domestic violence survivors and their families by joining us in our 2018 Holiday of Hope Program! Here are three ways you can help.

Make a Cash Donation The most effective way to support families during the holiday season is through a cash donation. Your financial support will help with the many emergency needs families have when fleeing violence and abuse. [Donate today!](#)

Donate Gift Cards Donating gift cards (e.g. Fred Meyer, Safeway, and Target) helps empower survivors to shop for their family. [Learn more.](#)

Donate Gifts and Household Items for the Holiday Store! Your generous donations of gifts, pajamas and household items go straight into our Holiday Store where parents choose what their children want and need the most. [Find out more about the Amazon Wish List or how to hold a collection drive.](#)


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There are many ways you can bring [holiday cheer](#) by donating gifts of warmth, comfort, cards, and other needs to women experiencing homelessness. You can also help [sign up to prepare a meal](#) at one of the shelters.



CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

Donating much needed supplies or cash, volunteering, and [preparing a meal at the shelter](#) are just a few ways you can help support Congregations for the Homeless in their mission to end homelessness for men here on the Eastside. [Learn more](#) about how you can get involved.

