



Happy
Holidays!

Dear Donors,

The holiday season is upon us at the H.E.R. Shelter. This year has brought many reasons to celebrate peace and joy with current and past survivors and their families! Each year, we are able to serve over 100 families during the Holiday season alone! With the addition of a 3rd shelter location, specifically for homeless families, we know we will reach even more!! Our Holiday programs are 100% funded and supported through donations from individuals, churches, and companies like you!

We are revitalizing our programs this year to allow easier access for clients in need and more efficient communication to donors. We have three holiday programs;

- Thanksgiving Food Baskets
- Gifts of Joy- provide gifts for Christmas
- Silent Nights- end of year fundraising campaign that supports Crisis Intervention Programs

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS -We provide Thanksgiving food baskets to any client that has been in shelter in the past year or is still receiving services from our programs or general community who are in need. If you are interested in donating turkeys, potatoes, gravy, pies, rolls, vegetables, or any other Thanksgiving food, please let us know! We would like all Thanksgiving donations on **November 19th**. Please call to schedule a drop off or pick-up!

GIFTS OF JOY- This program allows us to provide gifts to all clients in shelter, in community or previously served. There are three ways you can choose to participate.

- Make a monetary gift to buy general items for gifts.
- Buy items from our general "wish list" for clients or
- Adopt a client or family (names may change due to confidentiality but are representative of clients in need)

All gift donations for Gifts of Joy should be available to H.E.R. by **December 14th**.

SILENT NIGHTS- Is our end of year giving campaign that funds our Crisis Program. Our number one priority is crisis intervention and emergency shelter for those fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking. The Holidays are our busiest time of year and we need help. Please send donations to P.O. Box 2187, Portsmouth VA, or call 757-485-1445, and help us provide more "silent nights of peace and safety".

By participating in our holiday programs, you are sending the message to our clients that there are people who care! Our community supporters are what drives our holiday season! We hope that you, your family, church, or business can help us make this the best holiday season H.E.R. has ever had! Please remember that your donations are tax-deductible. If you are interested in donating to any of our holiday programs please contact Tabettha at 757-372-5808 or e-mail Holidays@hershelter.com. If you miss us, we will return all messages within 48 business hours.



H.E.R. General Holiday Wish List

If you are not interested in adopting a client or family but want an easy way to help, please feel free to look at our general wish list and see if there are any needs on here which you would like to help with! Every year we have last minute families entering shelter or community clients in need. Your general gifts will be available for all of these clients. If you decide to purchase any of these items please contact Tabetha at (757-372-5808) or via email (Holidays@hershelter.com) to set up pick-up or drop off....We would like to give a big thank you to all of our community supporters!! You are what makes our Holidays so amazing!!

- Gift cards to places like: Wal-Mart, Target, Food Lion, etc.
- Make-up kits, perfumes, manicure sets, lotions
- Scarves & Gloves
- Small house hold appliances, pots and pans
- All day bus passes or Gas gift cards
- Candles and decorations for a house
- Children's gift cards (i.e. Movie theaters, GameStop, Claire's, Toy stores, etc.)
- iPod or teen-age friendly electronics
- Basketballs, footballs, soccer balls
- Baby Bottles, sippy cups, bottle brushes
- Socks and Underwear of all sizes
- Cleaning products
- Comforters, pillows, blankets
- Gift cards for teens (i.e. Footlocker, Kohl's, etc.)
- Board Games
- Gift sets and accessories
- And of course.....Monetary donations are always appreciated!

Please note that we ask all of these items be new and unwrapped