

Dallas Children's Advocacy Center's

HOLIDAY *of* H PE



Bring Hope to Children this Holiday Season

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About DCAC & Holiday of Hope



For over 30 years, Dallas Children's Advocacy Center (DCAC) has been dedicated to improving the lives of abused children in Dallas County and leading the fight against child abuse on a national scale. DCAC is the only organization in Dallas County that partners with law enforcement, Child Protective Services, and medical professionals to investigate, prosecute, and provide healing services for child abuse cases.

By reducing the re-victimization of children, removing barriers to investigation and treatment, supporting criminal prosecutions, and providing evidence-based therapy interventions and trauma-focused care, we ensure that every child we serve has a path toward healing.

HOLIDAY OF HOPE

The holidays can be a difficult time, especially for children living in the aftermath of criminal child abuse. Each year, DCAC brings a smile to thousands of our client's faces when we provide them with gifts and toys through our annual Holiday of Hope program.

We help remove barriers for our families by providing current DCAC clients and their siblings brand-new gifts and toys. Each child receives a book, a fuzzy blanket, and 5-7 age-appropriate gifts. In addition, all families receive 1-2 board games to play together.

Holiday of Hope is made possible by the generous support of community members like you! Whether you sign up to host a toy drive, shop one of our wish lists, donate, or volunteer, you are making a significant impact on the life of a child this holiday season.

Links, Dates, & Must Know Info

HOST A TOY DRIVE

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

Bring your friends, family, or coworkers together to collect brand-new, unwrapped toys for children at DCAC. It is a simple way to make a huge impact, and every toy donated helps bring light and joy to a child in need.

Donations can be dropped off during the weekdays at DCAC from November 30 – December 9 (excluding weekends), from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

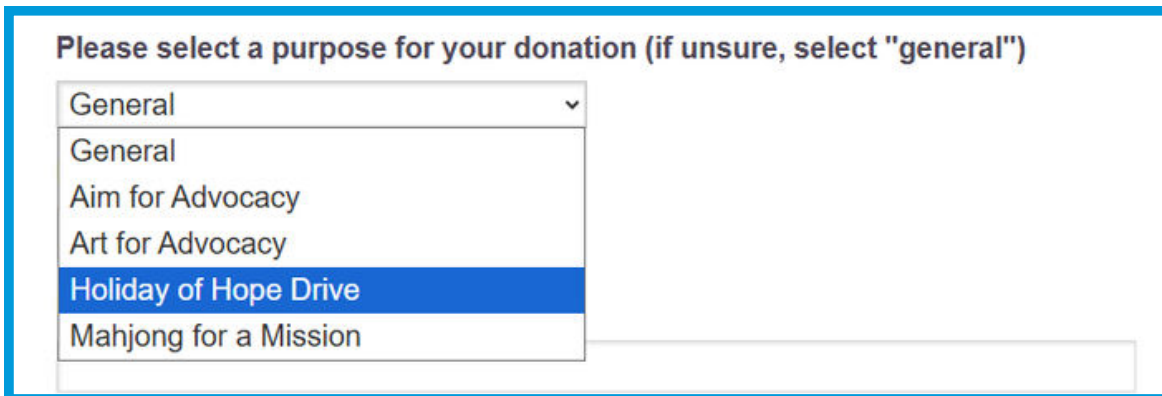
DCAC Address: 5351 Samuell Blvd., Dallas, TX 75228

IN-KIND DONATION FORM

[COMPLETE IN-KIND DONATION FORM HERE](#)

To ensure we can properly record your donation, all toy drive hosts must complete the In-Kind Donation Form before dropping off toys.

On this form, please select “Holiday of Hope Drive” for the purpose of your donation. See screenshot below



The screenshot shows a web form with a dropdown menu. Above the menu is the text: "Please select a purpose for your donation (if unsure, select 'general')". The dropdown menu is open, showing a list of options: "General", "General", "Aim for Advocacy", "Art for Advocacy", "Holiday of Hope Drive", and "Mahjong for a Mission". The "Holiday of Hope Drive" option is highlighted with a blue background. The dropdown menu is enclosed in a blue border.

If you need help determining the estimated retail value of your donation, you may use our [In-Kind Equivalencies Form](#).

Please keep this in mind and remember to complete the form before your items are brought or delivered to DCAC.



VOLUNTEER

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

Please use the volunteer sign-up link above to view available dates and shifts. If you are registering on behalf of a group, please reserve the total number of spots needed for everyone who will be volunteering with your group.

Because Holiday of Hope involves a high volume of donations, volunteers play an essential role in making the event possible. We are unable to accommodate last-minute shift changes, so please notify us as soon as possible if you are no longer able to fulfill your commitment.

The safety and well-being of children and families is at the heart of DCAC's work. Due to the sensitive nature of our services, all volunteers must be at least 18 years old and may not be currently enrolled in a local school district.

Before beginning volunteer service, each volunteer must complete an application and background screening process. To allow adequate time for these requirements, the deadline to sign up to volunteer is November 9.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- November 9 - Volunteer Sign-up Deadline
- November 25 - 27 - DCAC Closed for Thanksgiving
- November 30 - December 9 - Toy Drive Drop-Off
- December 7 - 18 - Volunteer Shifts Available

Wish Lists & Most Needed Toys

WISH LISTS

Shop our wish lists to have your gifts sent directly to the center.

- Amazon
- Walmart
- Target
- HDI

If you purchase toys through the Amazon Wish List, please email holidayofhope@dcac.org so we can properly acknowledge your gift.

GIFT IDEAS

ALL AGES

BOARD GAMES (JUNIOR AND CLASSIC VERSIONS)

- Hungry Hungry Hippos
- Guess Who?
- Connect 4
- Pie Face
- Headbanz
- Battleship
- Jenga
- Chutes & Ladders
- Candy Land
- Sorry
- Trouble
- Life
- Monopoly
- Scrabble
- Apples to Apples
- Uno
- Clue
- Codenames
- Pictionary
- Puzzles

GIFT CARDS

- Retail/Online
 - Amazon
 - Walmart
 - Target
 - Old Navy
 - American Eagle
 - Nike
 - Academy
 - Dick's Sporting Goods
- Make Up/Accessories
 - Forever 21,
 - Claire's
 - Ulta
 - Sephora
- Food/Drink
 - Starbucks
 - Chick-fil-A
 - Chipotle
 - McDonald's
 - Whataburger
 - Raising Cane's
 - WingStop
 - Buffalo Wild Wings
 - Wendy's
 - Panda Express
 - Olive Garden
 - Chili's
- Entertainment:
 - Movie theaters
 - Main Event
 - SpeedZone
 - Video game
 - GameStop
 - PlayStation
 - Nintendo
 - Steam
 - Xbox
 - Roblox

TEENS (AGES 13-17)

MOST NEEDED CATEGORY

Boys:

- Toys & Games
 - Advanced Lego sets
 - drones
 - remote control cars
 - boxing/kickboxing kits
 - gaming chairs
- Books & Art
 - Young adult novels
 - journals
 - sketchbooks
 - graphic novels
 - adult coloring books
 - advanced art supply kits
- Sports & Outdoor
 - Sports balls with pump
 - soccer balls
 - footballs
 - basketballs
 - skateboards/scooters with helmets
 - baseball gloves
 - boxing gloves/pads
- Entertainment
 - Bluetooth speakers
 - Bluetooth headphones
 - LED lights
 - video game gift cards
 - GameStop
 - PlayStation
 - Nintendo
 - Steam
 - Xbox
 - Roblox
 - extra controllers
 - headsets
- Accessories
 - wallets
 - sports merchandise
 - baseball caps
 - beanies
 - watches
 - Axe body spray sets
 - fuzzy blankets

Girls:

- Toys & Games
 - Instax polaroid camera & film,
- Books & Art
 - Young adult novels
 - journals
 - sketch pads
 - advanced art supplies
- Sports & Outdoor
 - Sports balls with pump
 - soccer balls
 - footballs
 - basketballs
 - skateboards/scooters with helmets
 - yoga mats
- Entertainment
 - Bluetooth speakers
 - Bluetooth headphones
 - LED room lights
- Accessories
 - Jewelry
 - watches
 - purses
 - fashion accessories
 - hair tools
 - straighteners
 - curling irons)
 - spa gift sets
 - makeup sets
 - nail polish kits

PRE-TEEN (AGES 9-12)

Boys:

- Toys & Games
 - Lego Technic/advanced sets
 - NERF toys
 - RipStiks
 - remote control cars
 - drones
 - model car kits
- Books & Art
 - Early chapter books
 - sketch pads
 - beginner art kits
- Entertainment
 - Bluetooth speakers
 - Bluetooth headphones
 - STEM kits
- Sports & Outdoor
 - Sports balls with pump
 - soccer balls
 - footballs
 - basketballs
 - skateboards/scooters with helmets
- Accessories
 - wallets
 - baseball caps
 - fleece blankets

Girls:

- Toys & Games
 - LOL Surprise dolls
 - Barbie playsets
 - Lego Friends sets
- Books & Art
 - Early chapter books
 - journals with locks
 - advanced coloring books
 - gel pens/marker sets
 - sewing or craft kits
- Entertainment
 - Bluetooth speakers
 - Bluetooth headphones
 - STEM kits
- Sports & Outdoor
 - Sports balls with pump
 - soccer balls
 - footballs
 - basketballs
 - Skateboards/scooters with helmets
 - Jump ropes
- Accessories
 - Purses
 - wallets
 - jewelry
 - hair accessory kits
 - nail polish sets
 - beginner makeup kits
 - bath bomb kits

YOUTH (AGES 3-8)

Boys:

- Toys & Games
 - VTech/Fisher-Price learning toys
 - Action figures
 - Hot Wheels
 - Monster trucks
 - Racetracks
 - Lego Classic sets
 - riding toys/tricycles with helmets
 - walkie-talkies
- Books & Art
 - Storybooks
 - coloring books
 - crayons/markers
- Sports & Outdoor
 - T-ball sets
 - sports balls with pump
 - soccer balls
 - youth basketballs
 - footballs
- Accessories
 - Character blankets
 - themed backpacks

Girls:

- Toys & Games
 - VTech/Fisher-Price learning toys
 - Barbies (all ethnicities)
 - cars
 - houses
 - clothes,
 - dress-up costumes
 - make-believe sets
 - kitchen
 - tea
 - grocery store
 - doctor)
 - Play-Doh sets
 - Lego Friends/basic sets
- Accessories
 - Small purses
 - hair bows
 - play makeup sets (washable)
 - nail sticker kits
- Books & Art
 - Storybooks
 - beginner art sets
 - markers/crayons
 - coloring pads
 - sticker books
 - jewelry-making kits
- Sports & Outdoor
 - Jump ropes
 - hula hoops
 - sports balls with pump
 - soccer balls
 - youth basketballs
 - volleyballs)
 - riding toys/scooters with helmets

INFANT & TODDLER (AGES 0-2)

- Toys & Games
 - Wooden puzzles
 - shapes
 - animals
 - building blocks
 - stuffed animals
 - teddy bears
 - elephants
 - dinosaurs
 - trucks/cars
 - riding toys/push walkers
 - Disney toys
 - baby dolls (all ethnicities)
 - musical toys
 - drums
 - xylophones
 - shakers
 - VTech/Fisher-Price learning toys
 - light-up interactive toys
- Books
 - Board books
 - animal themes
 - touch-and-feel
 - colors and counting
 - bedtime
- Accessories
 - Cozy blankets
 - stuffed toys
 - bib sets
 - toddler hats
 - socks
- Essentials
 - diapers
 - wipes



Communications & Outreach

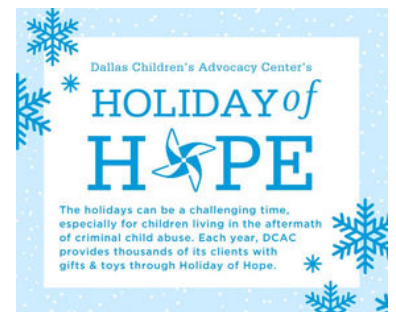
[DOWNLOAD ALL COLLATERAL PIECES HERE](#)

Help spread the word about your toy drive with ready-to-use outreach materials designed to make sharing easy. This toolkit includes customizable social media graphics, email templates, and flyers to help you invite your network, raise awareness, and encourage community support for children and families this holiday season.

FLYERS



SOCIAL MEDIA GRAPHICS



INSTAGRAM GRAPHICS

FACEBOOK GRAPHICS

SAMPLE INSTAGRAM CAPTION

Help bring joy to children in need this season by supporting our Holiday of Hope toy drive for @DallasChildrensAdvocacyCenter!

Drop off new, unwrapped toys at [INSERT LOCATION] by [INSERT DATE] to help bring comfort and joy to children and families experiencing child abuse in our community.

Need gift ideas or want to learn more? Reach out—I'd love to help! Every donation makes a difference.

#HolidayOfHope #DallasCAC #DCAC

SAMPLE FACEBOOK AND LINKEDIN CAPTION

Help bring joy to children in need this holiday season by supporting @DallasChildrensAdvocacyCenter's Holiday of Hope toy drive!

Bring new, unwrapped toys to [INSERT LOCATION] by [INSERT DATE] to bring comfort and joy to children and families served by DCAC. Every gift helps remind kids they're valued, loved, and not alone.

Reach out if you have questions or want ideas on what to buy—and visit <https://dcac.org/getinvolved/holiday-of-hope/> to learn more about how you can make a difference this season.

#HolidayOfHope #DallasCAC #DCAC

EMAIL OUTREACH

Help spread awareness and support children and families this holiday season by sharing this email with your friends, coworkers, or community groups. You can personalize it with your own drop-off details or simply share the link to DCAC's Holiday of Hope campaign to encourage others to give.

EMAIL TEMPLATE

Subject line: Help bring holiday joy to kids at DCAC!

Dear [NAME],

This holiday season, I'm supporting Dallas Children's Advocacy Center (DCAC) through their Holiday of Hope program—an annual toy drive that helps bring comfort and joy to children healing from abuse.

Every year, DCAC provides toys, books, and cozy items to the children and families they serve, helping make the holidays a little brighter for those facing incredibly tough circumstances.

I'd love your help in collecting toys for this special cause! You can view DCAC's toy wishlist and find details about the toy drive here:
<https://dcac.org/getinvolved/holiday-of-hope/>

Please drop off brand-new, unwrapped toys at:

Location: [INSERT LOCATION]

On or before: [INSERT DATE(S)]

If you'd prefer to give directly, you can also make a contribution to the Holiday of Hope campaign here: <https://dcac.org/donate/>.

Thank you for helping spread hope and joy this season to children who deserve both.

Best,
[YOUR NAME]

Frequently Asked Questions

CAN I SPONSOR HOLIDAY OF HOPE?

If you and/or your organization are interested in sponsoring Holiday of Hope, please reach out to Emily Stewart at Estewart@dcac.org.

DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN IN-KIND DONATION FORM?

All donations must be accompanied by an [In-Kind Donation Form](#). Please fill out the form BEFORE dropping off toys and reference the [In-Kind Equivalencies Form](#) to estimate the value of your donation.

CAN WE DELIVER TOYS ALREADY WRAPPED?

We ask that all gifts be delivered unwrapped. This allows us to select gifts for our clients based on their preferences. It also gives caregivers the option to decide who the gifts are from and how to distribute them among their children.

WHEN CAN I DROP TOYS OFF?

Toys may be dropped off at DCAC, weekdays from November 30 – December 9 (excluding weekends) between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

If you are unable to drop off your donation during these hours, please contact sbrigger@dcac.org, and we will do our best to accommodate you.

CAN I TAKE PHOTOS WHILE WE DROP OFF TOYS?

We're happy to allow you to take a team photo with the toys during your drop-off. However, please ensure that no DCAC clients are visible or included in any photos, as we must prioritize their privacy and safety.

HOW CAN I STAY INVOLVED WITH DCAC THROUGHOUT THE YEAR?

Here are a few easy ways to continue making a difference throughout the year:

- [Become a Monthly Donor](#): Your ongoing support helps provide no-cost healing services for children and families.
- [Sign Up for Our Newsletter](#): Get updates on DCAC's impact, upcoming events, and ways to help.
- [Become a Volunteer](#): Share your time and talents to support DCAC's mission and help create hope and healing for children and families.

Thank you!

Your generous support of this year's Holiday of Hope helps bring hope, healing, and brighter futures to the children and families served by DCAC.

