

Holiday Gifts Wish List

Without family to celebrate with, the holidays are often a difficult time for kids who have grown up in foster care. First Place for Youth does our best to hold regular celebrations at every program location during the holidays to help foster feel good at times when they may be at their lowest. We appreciate donations of items that we can offer as gifts to the young people during the holidays.

Some desired items include:

- Halloween Items (needed the week before Halloween)
 - Candy buckets, packages of candy/snacks, kids costumes (1 year 5 years old)
- Thanksgiving Meal Baskets (needed the week before Thanksgiving)
 - Complete basket/bag filled with non-perishable items for making a Thanksgiving dinner (suggested food list can be provided upon request)
- Gift cards/certificates (needed throughout the holiday season & throughout the year)
 - Please choose gift cards/certificates to major retail, restaurant, or grocery stores
- **Electronics** (needed throughout the holiday season & throughout the year)
 - iPods, MP3 Players, headphones, gaming consoles, cameras
- Toys or Games (needed throughout the holiday season & throughout the year)
 - Toys for kids ages 12mos 5 years old
 - Games for teens/adults
- Household Items (needed throughout the holiday season & throughout the year)
 - Alarm clocks, toaster ovens, blenders, cookware, knife block, spice rack, vacuum cleaners, blankets, sheets, towels, etc.
- School/Employment Supplies (needed throughout the holiday season & throughout the year)
 - Laptops, backpacks, shoulder bags, portfolio folders, binders, pens, pencils, highlighters, flash drives, calculators, audio recorders
 - Brand new professional clothes for job interviews and work

Please contact Claire Blaney at <u>cblaney@firstplaceforyouth.org</u> or 510-272-0979 x1098 for more information and to deliver items to our office. Please submit a completed Donation Form with your donation so that we can properly acknowledge you. (At this time we are only able to accept new items. On occasion, we can accept gently used furniture and housewares.)

You Can Donate to First Place While You Shop

If you have an Amazon.com account, you can support us every time you shop through **Amazon Smile** by going to http://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-3341034 and list First Place for Youth as your charity of choice. For your convenience, we have an Amazon Wish List created with necessary household items for the kids.

You can support First Place for Youth in another free and easy way! Use Goodshop when shopping online at thousands of stores like Macy's and they'll donate up to 20% of your purchase back to us, at no cost to you! They also offer tons of deals and coupons, so save on home appliances from Bed Bath and Beyond or enjoy Amazon promos, while supporting us! We appreciate it!

