

## CHRISTMAS AT THE REFUGE

The holidays are a busy time of year for everyone . . . especially for our emergency shelter that houses up to 9 families every day. In an effort to keep Christmas equitable for all of our clients, manageable for our staff and to be good stewards of God's provisions, please refer to this year's gift giving guide.

### GIFT CARDS

Gift cards to local shopping and grocery stores are an impactful and practical gift that allows families to get what they need.

### BUS PASSES

Transportation is a big issue for those struggling with homelessness and poverty. Bus passes provide greater access to healthcare, job opportunities and more. Purchase passes to donate or designate your financial gift to help provide bus access to our families.

### WELCOME HOME KITS

Help our families as they move out of the shelter and into a home of their own. Providing "Welcome Home Kits" or single kit items, such as bathroom, kitchen or bedroom kits, is a helpful, practical way to assist our families in need. See the list in the Narthex or Check our web page at [bit.ly/RefugeChristmas](http://bit.ly/RefugeChristmas) for suggested items to include in your kit.

### GIFTS FOR KIDS

We welcome donated toys and games for the shelter children. Among the most requested items are: kid's sleeping bags, Barbies, super hero action figures, and sports balls. Please see our web page for the full list and bring your unwrapped gifts to the shelter.

### MISSION SUPPORT

Cold weather months bring added expenses such as increased utility bills and snow removal costs. Your financial contribution to support the daily operation of our emergency shelter is a welcome gift that helps all of our families.

At Christmas time and all through the year, we need your love and support. Thank you for wanting to make Christmas special for the families at The Refuge. Please see our web page at [bit.ly/RefugeChristmas](http://bit.ly/RefugeChristmas) for more information on our gift program, then call us at 814-456-8073, ext. 105 or 106 with any additional questions.