



September 2023



Dear friend,

The holidays are a magical time at Gemma. "Wow! It looks like a fairy tale!" exclaimed a child in residence as they entered the gym last year, which had been transformed into a winter wonderland for the annual holiday party. "This is the best night of my life!" shared another child as they received their gifts. Whether by creating a magical experience or handing the children a stack of presents generously donated by caring friends, we do everything we can to show kids and families that they matter, during the holiday season and throughout the year. Thank you for helping us to create this magic!

With friends like you, Gemma was able to create a special holiday season last year for hundreds of youth and families. **Will you help Gemma once again create a memorable holiday season?**

Please consider these ways you can help us reach this goal:

- * **Make a generous financial gift** in the spirit of the holidays to support children and families this year.
- * **Suggest friends or family members make a charitable gift** to Gemma in your honor.
- * **Donate a gift card** to help Gemma's children and families. The most useful are \$25 gift cards to Amazon, Giant, ShopRite, Target, Visa, & Walmart.
- * **Provide a present for a child.** A wish list of gifts can be found on the back of this letter or on Amazon at <https://bit.ly/GemmaNeeds>. **We ask that all gifts be new and unwrapped, please.**

Gift delivery is by appointment only from Monday, November 27th to Wednesday, December 6th.

Please contact Amanda Bryant at (610) 825-4440 x3307 or abryant@gemmaservices.org or Betty Wu at (610) 519-1615 or efwu@gemmaservices.org to **schedule an appointment.**

Your kind generosity will bring joy to the children and families of Gemma this year. Thank you for helping them know they matter this holiday season!

With appreciation,


Amanda Bryant
Senior Development Officer


Betty Wu
Development Officer

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2023 Gift Wish List

Toys

- Large and medium-sized stuffed animals
- Small and medium-sized Squishmallow stuffed animals
- Games – Checkers, Chess, Jenga, Connect 4, UNO, Monopoly, Scrabble, Trouble, and Sorry are favorites
- LEGO sets
- Pokémon cards and toys
- Minecraft toys
- Superhero action figures
- LOL dolls and Rainbow High dolls
- Barbie dolls
- Remote controlled vehicles
- Beyblades and Beyblades arenas
- Playing cards and card games
- Rubik's cubes
- Fidget toys – spinners, tangles, cubes, stress balls
- Dream Lites or other soft night lights
- Books for children and teens
- Wireless headphones/earbuds
- Small Bluetooth speakers
- Matchbox or Hot Wheels cars & racetracks
- Puzzles
- Play-Doh

Clothing & Personal Care

- Pajama sets for boys and girls – youth sizes M-XL and adult sizes S-L
- Hooded sweatshirts for girls and boys – youth sizes 12-18 and adult sizes S-L. Nike, Adidas, Champion, and Fila are favorite brands
- Adidas or Nike slide style sandals – youth and adult sizes
- Crocs and Crocs-style sandals – youth and adult sizes
- Jibbitz or charms for Crocs-style sandals
- Adjustable baseball hats – Nike and Philly sports teams are favorites
- Athletic socks – Nike, Adidas, Champion, and Fila are favorites
- Athletic tights – youth sizes L-XL and adult sizes S-L
- Hairbrushes and combs
- Nail polish, lip gloss, lip balm, and makeup
- Toiletry gift sets with body wash, shampoo, conditioner, & deodorant. Dove, Axe, and Bath and Body Works are favorites. Plastic bottles only, please!
- Plastic water bottles – Contigo and Camelback brands are favorites
- Winter coats – youth & adult sizes
- Children's weighted blankets

Arts & Crafts

- Craft kits
- Crayola art kits
- Gel pen sets
- Crayons, markers, and colored pencils
- Velvet posters to color
- Coloring books and large coloring pages
- Sketch books and drawing paper – non-spiral bound, please!
- Journals- no locks, non-spiral bound, please!
- Origami kits and origami paper

Sports

- Footballs and basketballs
- Over-the-door basketball hoops
- Football gloves – youth and adult sizes
- Basketball shooting sleeves – youth and adult sizes
- Fitness watches

PLEASE NOTE:

Donation deliveries are by appointment only. Please see other side of letter for instructions on making an appointment. Thank you!

For more information about Gemma Services or to make a gift online to support our mission, please visit www.gemmaservices.org.