

# Make a Child Smile

Be Part of the Holiday Season at The Village  
Together, we can make our children smile throughout the holiday season.

Many of our families struggle financially and without your help these children would likely go without *any* special holiday gifts or celebrations. Below are opportunities to Make a Child Smile:

**Support our Thanksgiving Food Drive** by donating non-perishable food items such as stuffing mix, cans of fruit or vegetables, boxes of mashed potatoes, cake and muffin mix, rice, pasta. Please deliver food by November 14th.

**Donate a Gift to a Child** who cannot go home for the holidays, teens in our supportive housing program, boys and girls living in foster care, young people staying temporarily in one of our shelters, or children served by our community based programs. Please deliver by December 11th.

**Organize a Gift Drive** with your friends, neighbors, or co-workers. Please deliver by December 11th.

**Adopt a Cottage** for the Holidays by giving each boy at our residential school a gift from his wish list. Typically, there are 10 – 12 boys to a cottage. Please deliver by December 11th.

**Donate a Cottage Gift** to be shared (e.g. ping pong table, foosball, DVD player, or flat screen TV). Please deliver by December 11th.

**Contribute Gifts For Giving** that kids can wrap and take home for their family members. Proven favorites are cologne, perfume, soap sets, leather gloves and wallets, jewelry, scarves, and cosmetics. Dedicated volunteers are available to shop if you prefer to give gift cards or a monetary donation. Please deliver by December 11th.

**Donate Gift Cards** for \$25 value or more for department stores, home goods stores, electronic stores, and toy stores. Please deliver by December 11th.

**Make a Monetary Donation** to really make a child smile!

- ◆ \$35 pays for a teen to go snowboarding
- ◆ \$150 helps 10 kids go snow tubing
- ◆ \$200 sends a whole cottage out to go bowling
- ◆ \$500 allows 10 kids to go to a Knicks game or see a holiday show



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(Please note that all gifts should be new and unwrapped)

