

MUST Ministries Toy Shop 2017

– Holiday Gift Drives –



With the help of the community, MUST makes Christmas a cherished event for those in need. Thanks to hundreds of volunteers and donations of in-kind gifts from individuals, companies and churches, over 4000 children benefit from the MUST Ministries Toy Shop program in Cobb and Cherokee Counties each year.

The Toy Shop program assists parents who may not otherwise be able to provide Christmas gifts for their children. Parents can shop at no cost in a department store-style environment for what their children want. All of the toys and clothing items available in the shops are donated. This year there will be two Toy Shop locations open during the month of December.

How can you help?

MUST Ministries is currently seeking donations for its annual Toy Shop program. Unlike stores that can order merchandise as needed, MUST relies entirely on donations to restock the Toy Shop shelves. Therefore, we are asking several groups and individuals to host gift drives to serve as many children as possible. The good news is that helping us meet this goal is easier than you might think! Please follow the steps below to be a part of the Toy Shop program. MUST is happy to provide you with plenty of support and resources along the way.

STEP 1: HOST A GIFT DRIVE

Please select one or more gift drives to host from the list below. Gifts are grouped in the Toy Shop by age range, so please try to collect items for children in each of the following ranges: **Ages 0-4, 5-8, 9-12, 13-18.**

Toy Drive: Help brighten the holiday season for thousands of children by hosting a toy drive. Please collect new, unwrapped toys for kids of all ages. Toy suggestions include:

- Bikes
- Board Games
- Puzzles
- Skateboards/Razors
- Hot Wheels
- Sports Equipment
- LEGOs
- Action Figures
- Art Sets
- Blocks
- Stuffed Animals
- Digital Cameras
- Perfume/Cologne
- Watches
- Dolls/Barbies (All Ethnicities)
- Remote Controlled Cars
- Ride-On Toys (Big Wheels)
- Video Games (for Wii, Xbox, Nintendo DS)
- DVDs & CDs
- Purses/Wallets
- Headphones

Book Drive: What better way to ring in the holiday season than celebrating with a new book! Please consider hosting a book drive to collect new books that will be distributed at the Toy Shop.

Blanket Drive: Give the gift of warmth this winter by hosting a blanket drive. Please collect new blankets of any size during your drive. MUST's goal is to provide one blanket to every child, so all donations are much appreciated!

Clothing Drive: Please help give gifts of new clothing to children this holiday season. MUST would like to provide every child with a pair of socks, underwear, hats and gloves. Please consider hosting a drive for those specific clothing items. We request that items are new and that donations come in various sizes.

Baby Items Drive: Shower brand new members of a family with gifts by hosting a drive specifically for baby items (newborns & toddlers). Suggested items include:

- Diapers
- Bottles
- Bibs
- Washcloths/Bath Towels
- Sleepers
- Pacifiers
- Baby Soap
- Rattles/Other Toys
- Onesies
- Socks
- Hats
- Diaper Bags

Gift Card Drive: Collecting gifts for Teens and Tweens can be difficult, so please consider hosting a gift card drive specifically for these age groups. Gift Cards in any denomination are welcome! Please consider providing cards from one of the following retailers:

- iTunes
- Amazon
- Movie Theaters
- Barnes & Noble
- GameStop
- Target
- Local Restaurants
- Starbucks

Christmas “Stocking” Drive: This is a creative way to give gifts that are practical and fun! Here's how it works – first, purchase one pair of socks (long socks are recommended). Then, roll up one sock and tuck it inside the other. Finally, fill the rest of the sock with goodies (small toys, nail polish, playing cards, etc). Please do not include candy or hazardous items like razors in the sock. Please tie the top of the sock with a ribbon – **red** for girls and **green** for boys – and list the age range.

Family Gift Drive: Children who benefit from the Toy Shop can give back to their families through our “Secret Santa” event. One day in December is set aside for children to play Santa by selecting gifts for their families. We need new items that family members might enjoy, so please host a drive specifically for these types of gifts (i.e. candles, travel mugs, picture frames, tool kits, wallets, key chains, perfume/cologne, etc).

STEP 2: SUBMIT YOUR HOST INFORMATION

After selecting a gift drive to host, please provide the following information to MUST Ministries:

- ❖ The type of gift drive you are hosting (i.e. toy, baby items).
- ❖ Start and End Dates of your gift drive.
- ❖ Contact information (name, phone, email) for the person coordinating the gift drive.
- ❖ Name of the group/organization conducting the gift drive.

STEP 3: DELIVER GIFTS TO TOY SHOPS

After your gift drive ends, please label all boxes/bags that contain collected gifts with the words "TOY SHOP" and drop them off at one of the Toy Shop locations listed below.

Donations will be accepted starting on November 7th

The first day of the Toy Shop is December 1st

The last day of the Toy Shop is December 21st

In Cobb County

MUST Donation Center
1280 Field Parkway
Marietta, GA 30066

Drop-off Hours:

Mon-Sat from 9am-5pm

In Cherokee County

New Life Church
154 Lakeside Drive
Canton, GA 30114

MUST Cherokee Office
111 Brown Industrial Parkway
Canton, GA 30114

Drop-off Hours:

Mon-Wed, Sat from 10am-2pm
Thurs-Fri from 3pm-8pm

Drop-off Hours:

Mon-Fri from 9am-3pm

We cannot thank you enough for your generosity and continued support of the MUST Toy Shop program!



For more information please email us at: ToyShop@mustministries.org

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