

MARY'S SHELTER

Mission: Mary's Shelter saves lives by empowering and equipping homeless and at-risk pregnant teens, and minors with babies, for lives of dignity, hope and self-sufficiency.

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Holiday Donations and Volunteer Opportunities

- toys (ages birth to 3)
- gifts/gift certificates for teen girls
- stocking stuffer items
- “entertainment certificates”
 - movie theaters
 - Boomers
 - Bowling
 - Roller skating
 - Knott's Berry Farm
 - Adventure City
- help cover costs for Christmas activities
 - ice skating
 - pictures with Santa
 - gingerbread houses
- cook a holiday meal
- volunteer to redecorate a resident's bedroom
 - raise money for furniture
 - decorative items
 - bedding
- volunteer group for a work project (painting, cleaning, organizing)
- organize a food drive (canned, non-perishable food and paper products)
- create “movie kits” with Blockbuster gift cards, popcorn, candy and/or appropriate PG DVD for teenage girls.

Wish List

Baby Items:

- baby food (stages 1, 2, 3)
- toddler snacks
- infant Tylenol
- Baby Orajel
- saline drops
- bassinet cribs
- cribs
- highchairs
- strollers
- toddler beds
- swings
- car seats
- baby and toddler clothes and shoes (sizes newborn – 2T)
- diapers (size, 3,4,5)
- baby wipes

- baby monitors
- bottles
- “sippy” cups
- Packs of “onesies” and sleepers (sizes 0-18 months)
- Infant carriers (“Snuggle”)
- developmental toys
- cardboard books (ages 0-3)
- teething rings
- rattles
- Disney/Baby Einstein DVDs
- diaper bags with changing pads
- crib sheets
- mattress covers
- baby towels and washcloths
- coloring books and crayons/markers

For Teen Moms (ages 13 – 18):

- gift cards
 - Target
 - Wal-Mart
 - Kohls
 - Ross
 - Marshalls
 - Payless Shoes
 - Old Navy
- photo albums
- disposable cameras
- scrapbooks and supplies
- jewelry/accessory items
- hair products
- makeup
- nail polish
- MP3 players, disc-mans, or CD players
- purses
- book bags
- shampoo
- conditioner
- deodorant
- toothpaste
- body wash
- razors
- shower caddy
- NEW bedding sets (2 matching sets) including sheets, comforters and bed skirts
- nursing pads
- breast pumps
- board games
 - DVD movies (appropriate PG-13)
- picture frames
- books by Sarah Dessen or Stephanie Meyers
- Clothing (sizes S-XL)
 - casual shirts
 - tank tops
 - jeans
 - sweats
 - loungewear
 - maternity cloths
 - pajamas
 - slippers
 - robes
 - socks
 - undergarments
- yarn and needles
- stationery and postage stamps
- batteries (D, C, AA)
- school supplies
 - 3 ring binders
 - college rule lined paper
 - calculators
 - black pens
 - pencils

Housing Items:

- gift cards
 - Target
 - Wal-Mart
 - Babies-R-Us
 - Albertson's
 - Smart and Final
 - Vons
 - Ace Hardware
 - Blockbuster
 - Starbucks
 - Taco Bell
 - McDonalds
 - In-N-Out Burger
 - Chuck E. Cheese
 - Golden Spoon
 - Baskin Robbins
- dolly for moving large items
- DVD players
- stereos
- computer printers
- dressers
- lamps
- alarm clocks
- toaster
- cleaning supplies (laundry and dish soap)
- towel sets
- twin blankets
- mattress pads
- Tupperware
- bakeware
- pots and pans
- silverware
- knife set
- reusable plastic cups
- white dish sets (plates, salad plates bowls)
- paper towels
- toilet paper
- sponges

Volunteer Needs

Receptionists

- answer phones
- greet and sign-in visitors
- clerical tasks
- as needed assist staff

Drivers

Drive the girls and their babies to doctor and other appointments

Mentors

Matched to a particular girl, mentors maintain a relationship with the girl. Serve as a friend and help her clarify and achieve her dreams.

Child Care

Watch and care for the precious babies and help them flourish while teen mothers are in school or job training.

Fundraising

Help implement fundraising events such as the Spring Gala and Fall Golf Tournament.