

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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WISH LIST:

New or Barely Used Baby Items for Mothers: **Cribs, Highchairs, strollers, clothing,** diapers (size 3, 4, 5), baby wipes, baby monitors, bottles and “sippy” cups, baby and toddler clothes and shoes (sizes newborn-2T), packs of “onesies” and sleepers 0-18 mos., infant carriers (“Snuggly”), developmental toys: cardboard books (ages 0-3), teething rings, rattles, Disney/Baby Einstein DVDs, large baby items: strollers, bassinet cribs, toddler beds, swings, cribs, carseats, diaper bags with changing pads, crib sheets, mattress covers, baby towels and washcloths, coloring books, crayons, markers.

For Teen Moms (ages 13 – 18): Gift cards (Target, Wal Mart, Kohls, Ross, Marshalls, Payless Shoes, Old Navy), Clothing (sizes S-XL) – casual shirts, tanks, jeans, sweats, loungewear, maternity clothes (from Target or Old Navy), pajamas (S-XL), slippers, and robes, socks and undergarments, photo albums and disposable cameras, scrapbooks and supplies, jewelry/accessory items, hair products, makeup, nail polish, etc., MP3 players, disc-mans, or CD players, purses or book bags, new bedding sets (2 matching sets) including sheets, comforters, bed skirts, board games, movies (appropriate PG-13), picture frames, books (by Sarah Dessen, Stephanie Meyers), toiletries (shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, body wash, razors, shower caddy).

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), VCR/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 dishes (plates, salad plates, bowls), nursing pads, breast pumps, baby food (stages 1, 2, 3), toddler snacks, infant Tylenol, Baby Oragel, Saline drops, paper towels, toilet tissues, sponges,

Miscellaneous Items for Residents: Beauty products, scrapbooks, crafts, yarn & needles, stationary, postage stamps, Batteries (D, C, AA), school supplies (3 ring binders, college rule lined paper, calculators, black pens, pencils), Dolly for moving large items.

Specific Needs: Toys (ages birth to 3), Christmas gifts/gift certificates for teen girls, PG13 DVD/Videos, movie passes, kitchen items, board type games, playstation type unit.

Volunteers: **Receptionists** – take calls at the Shelter reception desk, greet and sign-in visitors, and do clerical tasks as needed to 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 the precious babies grow and help them flourish while teen mothers are in school or job training. **Fundraising** – Help produce fundraising events such as the Spring Gala and Fall Golf Tournament.

Other Ways You Can Help:

Donate “entertainment certificates” for places like Edwards Theaters, Boomers, Bowling, Roller skating, Knott’s Berry Farm, Adventure City, etc.; help cover costs for Christmas activities such as ice skating, pictures with Santa, gingerbread houses, etc.; cook a holiday meal or give gift cards for them to go out on a holiday; volunteer to redecorate a resident’s bedroom; raise money for furniture, decorative items, and bedding; put together “move kits” with Blockbuster gift cars, popcorn, candy, and/or PG DVDs appropriate for teenage girls; volunteer a group to come in and do a work project (painting, cleaning, organizing); and organize a food drive, including canned and non-perishable foods and paper products.

Special Holiday Needs: Funds! Stocking stuffer items. Prayers!!!!