

## 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

- gifts/gift certificates for teen girls
- stocking stuffer items (ie: nail polish, socks, make up)
- “entertainment certificates”
  - movie theaters
  - Bowling
  - Knott’s Berry Farm
  - Adventure City
- help cover costs for Christmas activities
  - ice skating
  - pictures with Santa
  - gingerbread houses
- volunteer group for a work project (painting, cleaning, organizing)
- volunteer to redecorate a resident’s bedroom
  - raise money for furniture
  - decorative items
  - bedding
- organize a food drive (canned, non-perishable food and paper products)
- organize a diaper drive
- 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)
- bassinet
- 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
- Packs of “onesies” and sleepers (sizes 0-18 months)
- Infant carriers (“Snuggle”)
- developmental toys
- teething rings
- rattles
- diaper bags with changing pads
- crib sheets
- mattress covers
- baby towels and washcloths

### **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
- book bags
- shampoo
- conditioner
- deodorant
- toothpaste
- body wash
- razors
- shower caddy
- NEW bedding sets twin sheets, comforters
- nursing pads
- board games
- picture frames
- 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

## **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.