

Christmas Wishes that Last All Year

Do you ever wish you could help a child in some way? The Advocacy Network for Children has a Christmas wish list to help meet the needs of children who arrive for forensic interviews at our Children's Advocacy Center locations in Adams, Brown, Cass, Hancock, Pike, McDonough, Morgan, Scott and Schuyler Counties. Your support now will last all year!



Our interview sites are family-friendly and child focused. Our aim is to help victims and their families feel welcome, safe, secure, nurtured, and that we have put their child first. Our advocacy staff and support staff do that in a variety of ways. We offer snacks and drinks to the children and their families when they arrive and a comfortable, private place to sit. On occasion, meals are also provided as are gas cards if needed for transportation. During the interview, we provide markers, crayons, hand toys, and weighted blankets to reduce anxiety and stress. After services are completed on the initial day, we also offer items of comfort to children, such as Beanie Babies, small hero capes, magic wands, coloring books, and crayons when they are available.

What does all of this have to do with how you can help a child? The Advocacy Network for Children is a non-profit agency and most of our needs are non-budgeted items and we count on supporters for donations of the items or funds to purchase the items. Each year, we provide forensic services to approximately 450 children in our service area. You can donate the items directly to our agency or with a monetary donation to purchase items.

Our Christmas wishes are:

- Snack packs for victims and their families: animal crackers, goldfish crackers, chips, snack crackers, pretzels, granola bars, bottled water, juice boxes, etc....
- Gift cards for Wal-Mart, Subway, McDonalds, Pizza places, Gas or Grocery stores or to purchase the snacks
- Beanie Babies or small stuffed animals
- Matchbox cars
- 8 pack crayons and markers
- Monetary donations

If you wish to donate, please drop off items at the Quincy office location at 1420 Harrison, Quincy, IL 62301 and we will make sure all of our centers have just what they need. When dropping off or mailing in donations, please include your name and address so we can send acknowledgement of your thoughtful gift! If you have any questions, please call our office at 217-223-2272.

Happy Holidays and Warmest Wishes!