**THE CHRISTMAS STORE**

**NEEDS YOUR HELP**

Since 1991, City Gospel Mission has coordinated the efforts of churches, organizations, and individuals throughout Greater Cincinnati to create a store where low-income parents can buy Christmas gifts for their children at a price they can afford.

Our church partners distribute registration forms to parents they know need help. Parents are assigned a set shopping time. They pay a low, per child fee to shop, then can select two new toy items OR one new toy & one new clothing item for each child. Shoppers also receive wrapping supplies. We expect 200 parents shopping for 600 children this year.

The dates for **The Christmas Store 2023** are **December 13-16**. The Store will be located at Westwood First Presbyterian Church, 3326 Koenig Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45211.

**We need donations** of new toys ($15-$50 value), new clothing ($25 - $50 value), cash (to purchase gifts and supplies that are not donated), and wrapping paper. Donations should be **dropped off** at City Gospel Mission’s **Admin Offices, 1211 York Street**, Cincinnati, OH 45214, by **Dec. 11, 2023.**

If you are interested in helping, please register on our website:

citygospelmission.org then click: Get Involved

Thank you!

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**THE CHRISTMAS STORE** SHOPPING GUIDE

**(All items must be NEW)**

**Gift Ideas for 9 – 18 YEAR OLDS ($15-$50 value)**

Earbuds / Earphones Remote Control Cars

Cologne / Perfume Gift Sets Sports Stuff: Basketballs / Footballs / Soccer Balls, etc.

Watches / Jewelry Board Games / Card Games

Journals / Colorful Pens Cincinnati Bearcats shirts/hats

Makeup / Hair Care Kits Purses

Art / Craft Creation Sets OPI Nail Polish / Burt’s Bees Chapstick

Nike Socks Buffalo Plaid PJ Bottoms

**Gift Ideas for 6 – 8 YEAR OLDS ($15-$50 value)**

Toss & Catch Games Dolls (African-American or Latino

Board Games dolls would be great)

Legos/Building Sets Jewelry/Art/Craft Creation Sets

Action Figures Educational Toys

Earbuds / Earphones

**Gift Ideas for INFANT – 5 YEAR OLDS ($15-$50 value)**

Developmental Toys Dolls (African-American or Latino

Educational Toys dolls would be great)

"Matchbox" Cars Stuffed Animals (NEW)

Super Hero Costumes Princess Costumes

**Clothing Considerations for ALL AGE GROUPS ($20-$50 value)**

Coats Hoodies

Pro-Sports Apparel (especially Bengals, Bearcats)

Top & Pant Outfits for toddlers Fashion Sweaters & Dress Shirts

**CLOTHING SIZE BY AGE GROUP -- We need more of the LARGER sizes**

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| **Infants to**  **24 months** | **2-5 year-olds** | **6-8 year-olds** | **9-12 year-olds** | **13-18 year-olds** |
| 0-24 months  2T-3T | 4T-5T, 4-5, 6-6X,  6X-7 | 7-8, 9-10  10-12 | 12-14, 14-16, 16-18, 18-20  Sm, Md, Lg | Teen Sm, Md, Lg, XL  XXL, 3X, 4X |

The children’s parents will be shopping for the items, so wrapping your donation is not necessary.

Please label your donations with the age & gender of child for whom those items would be appropriate.

Please deliver items to **CGM’s Admin Offices, 1211 York St**, Cincinnati, OH 45214

by **December 11**, 2023

If you have questions, please call Angela or Glenda at 513.345.1021