



## **Donation Participation Guide**



**Hamden Community Services  
203-562-5129**



# Hamden Kids Holiday Toy Drive 2021 – Collection Dates

Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>  
Hamden Middle School - 2623 Dixwell Ave., 06518  
10:00am - 2:00pm – Collecting for ages 0-12

**DROP AND GO: STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE AND  
OPEN YOUR TRUNK - WE WILL GRAB WHAT YOU BRING**

**Gift Suggestions: dolls, trucks, Legos, movie passes, gift cards, soccer balls, basketballs, footballs, ear buds, headphones, phone chargers, iTunes cards, nail polish, craft kits, remote control cars, etc.**

Participate in a Hamden tradition that has been supporting over 500 children and families in our communities through the holidays for over 15 years! **Drop off a new, unwrapped toy or gift card donation** to the Hamden Middle School on the dates above. The Hamden Kids Holiday Toy Drive is a collaboration of Town Departments including Hamden Community Services, Hamden Police & Fire Departments, CERT, Keefe Community Center, Hamden Arts and Culture, and very generous and dedicated residents like yourself!

**Contact AnneMarie Karavas at Hamden Community Services for more information:  
203-562-5129 x1110**



# Hamden Kids Holiday Toy Drive 2021 – Contribution Options

The Hamden Kids Holiday Toy Drive is an annual collaboration between Town Departments including Hamden Community Services at Keefe Center, The Hamden Police and Fire Departments, The Hamden Community Emergency Response Team, Hamden Arts and Culture, and many dedicated and extremely generous Hamden residents. To participate in any of the toy / gift / direct monetary donation options below, please speak / meet with Community Services Program Specialist, AnneMarie Karavas between Monday-Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm - 203-562-5129 ext. 1110.

## **TOY DROP EVENTS AND LOCATIONS:**

Contributions can be made to the Hamden Kids Holiday Toy Drive in several ways. This year, toys and gift cards may be dropped off at the Hamden Middle School on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> between 10am-2pm. Toys may also be dropped at one of the following, official toy drop locations: Keefe Community Center (11 Pine St., Hamden 06514), Hamden Public Library (2901 Dixwell Ave. 06518), or Hamden Government Center (2750 Dixwell Ave. 06518) or). If you would like to donate toys, gift cards or monetary gifts directly to Keefe Center Community Services, please call AnneMarie Karavas at 203-562-5129 ext. 1110 to schedule a drop off.

## **ADOPT A FAMILY:**

A more individualized way to participate in the Hamden Kids Holiday Toy Drive is through the Hamden Community Services “Adopt a Family” program. By using wish-list style shopping guides provided by pre-registered families, you can provide a meaningful Holiday experience to Hamden children and parents who would appreciate it immensely. There is no minimum expectation as to what you can, or are willing to provide for the family. When buying for multiple children, please give equally.

## **PRIVATE TOY COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS:**

You may also choose to host a private Toy Drive event at your own home, office or other venue to collect gifts for the Hamden Kids Holiday Toy Drive. Please arrange to drop off any and all donations collected privately with AnneMarie Karavas – 203-562-5129 ext. 1110.



# Hamden Kids Holiday Toy Drive 2021 – “Adopt a Family”

The Hamden Kids Holiday Toy Drive is an annual collaboration between Town Departments including Hamden Community Services at Keefe Center, The Hamden Police and Fire Departments, The Hamden Community Emergency Response Team, Hamden Arts and Culture, and many dedicated and extremely generous Hamden residents. To adopt a family, please speak with Community Services Program Specialist, AnneMarie Karavas between Monday-Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm - 203-562-5129 ext. 1110.

**Thank you for your request to adopt a family!**

Families are nominated on behalf of recognized domestic agencies in the Hamden area for their own special reasons. Some families may be struggling to meet/acquire monthly expenses or common household items while others might be facing an extraordinarily challenging time.

By agreeing to adopt a family, you are making a commitment to provide the family with enough gifts for them to create a meaningful Holiday / Christmas experience. We do not set a minimum expectation as to what you can, or are willing to, provide for the family but we ask that when buying for families with multiple children - please keep gifts equal. The Wish List families provide is meant as a gift buying guide.

#### **Adopt a Family Participation Guidelines:**

- Adopt a family kicks off Monday, November 22, 2021.
- All donations are due by Wednesday, December 15, 2021.
- Toys can be dropped off at 11 Pine Street in Hamden or you can call to make arrangements for AnneMarie Karavas to meet you. You are welcome to coordinate an earlier drop off. Gifts must be wrapped and labeled clearly. If you are purchasing clothes please include a gift receipt for size exchange.
- You are welcome to include a Holiday Card to wish the parents/guardian a happy holiday or you may remain anonymous.
- Please fill out the contact information on the back of this form and email / mail it back to: [akaravas@hamden.com](mailto:akaravas@hamden.com) or drop it at the Keefe Center – 11 Pine St. 06514.

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## “Adopt a Family” Donation Registration

Return this form to AnneMarie Karavas at:  
Hamden Community Services  
11 Pine St. Hamden, CT 06514

- OR -

Scan and email to [AKaravas@hamden.com](mailto:AKaravas@hamden.com)  
\*\*Online Registration Link also included at  
bottom of page\*\*

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Family size you would like to adopt: \_\_\_\_\_

Any special requests?

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Thank you for your support and Happy Holidays!

Best,  
AnneMarie

### **REGISTER TO ADOPT A FAMILY ONLINE:**

Use your phone's camera to  
scan this QR code to be brought  
straight to the online  
Adopt a Family Registration  
Form at [Hamden.com](http://Hamden.com)

