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## Media Advisory

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### **Solano Nonprofits Still Need Gift/Food Donations for Holiday Season**

VALLEJO, California, December 9, 2008 – Solano County's holiday food and gift programs are struggling to meet overwhelming demand from residents this holiday season. Below is a "wish list" from nonprofit agencies compiled by Children's Network of Solano County.

Please call 2-1-1 to obtain information about donation drop off times and locations. If you can't dial 2-1-1, call 800-273-6222.

"Solano County nonprofits have been especially hard hit by the recession. Donations are down, while requests for help have risen dramatically – as much as 135% in the last year," said Kim Thomas, executive director of the Children's Network. "So, we're urging community members not only to shop in Solano first, but to donate in Solano first, as well."

In addition to donating toys and food to organizations on the attached list, you can also support local nonprofits by making a monetary donation through the Solano Community Foundation ([www.solanocf.org](http://www.solanocf.org)), to the Children's Network's Family Economic Success Campaign ([www.childnet.org](http://www.childnet.org)) or to United Way's Road to Recovery Campaign ([www.uwba.org](http://www.uwba.org)).

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## Solano County Nonprofit "Wish List" Donation and Volunteer Opportunities, December 2008

Organization	Wish List
<b>County-wide Opportunities</b>	
<b>Children's Nurturing Project</b> www.childrensnurturingproject.org	New, unwrapped holiday gifts for children, age birth to teen. Especially needed are infant/toddler clothes, books, and toys. Also need of diapers, wipes, and blankets.
<b>CASA of Solano County</b> www.casasolano.org	New, unwrapped holiday gifts for children age five to nineteen. Especially needed are gifts/gift cards for teens and youth preparing to emancipate from the foster care system.
<b>Foster a Dream's Holiday Wonderland</b> www.fosteradream.com	Donations: New toys for all ages, gift cards for teens, raffle prizes, and sponsoring a child's holiday experience. Volunteers: building and decorating team, station guides, photography assistance for Santa, and more.
<b>Youth &amp; Family Services of Solano County</b> www.yfs.org	Unwrapped toys and gift cards for children ages 0 -18. Also need diapers and formula.
<b>Children's Network of Solano County</b> www.childnet.org	Monetary donations to help local families escape foreclosure and keep their heat and water services on. Volunteers to greet families, manage schedules and calculate income tax returns for our free tax preparation program for low-income, working families.
<b>Solano Community Foundation</b> www.solanocf.org	Monetary donations for needy Solano County nonprofits that strengthen our community
<b>United Way's Road to Recovery Campaign</b> www.uwba.org	Monetary donations to support local nonprofits that are serving families hit hardest by the economic crisis.
<b>Benicia</b>	
<b>Benicia Community Action Council's "Benicia Cares for Kids"</b> www.bencac.com	Toys and especially gift cards for teenagers.
<b>Dixon</b>	
<b>Dixon Family Resource Center</b> www.dixonfamilyservices.org	Non-perishable foods for holiday gift baskets. Volunteers for Adopt-A-Family and Senior Visitation programs.

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<b>Fairfield/Suisun</b>	
<b>Fairfield/Suisun Healthy Start Family Resource Center</b>	Non-perishable food items and diapers.
<b>Homeless Ministry's Coat and Blanket Drive</b>	Coats, blankets, gloves, sleeping bags, beanie hats, socks and sweatshirts. All items need to be clean and in good condition.
<b>Mt. Calvary Baptist Church's Prison Ministry</b> <a href="http://www.mountcalvarychurch.org">www.mountcalvarychurch.org</a>	Non-prescription reading glasses.
<b>Heather House</b> <a href="http://www.heatherhouse.org">www.heatherhouse.org</a>	When we move our families into permanent housing we assist in setting up their apartment. We are in need of gift cards to Food Maxx, Target, Walmart, canned foods, Gently used bath towels, queen & twin sheet sets, dishes silverware. pots and pans.
<b>Children In Need of Hugs</b> <a href="http://www.cinoh.org">www.cinoh.org</a>	Gift cards for teen mothers, diapers, wipes, unwrapped toys, clothes for children 0-2
<b>Child Haven, Inc.</b> <a href="http://www.child-haven.org">www.child-haven.org</a>	Unwrapped non-violent toys, diapers, formula and gift cards for teens. Our clients range from 0-18
<b>Vacaville</b>	
<b>Solano Coats for Kids</b> <a href="http://www.solanocountycoatsforkids.com">www.solanocountycoatsforkids.com</a>	In need of new coats or donations. Ages 0-25
<b>Vacaville Family Resource Center</b>	Unwrapped toys and gift cards for children ages 0 -17. Also need diapers.
<b>Vallejo</b>	
<b>Christian Help Center</b> <a href="http://www.christianhelpcenter.org">www.christianhelpcenter.org</a>	Toys and coats.
<b>House of Joy</b> <a href="http://www.hojprograms.org">www.hojprograms.org</a>	Blankets, toiletries, and gift cards for teens
<b>Vallejo Family Resource Center/Fighting Back Partnership</b> <a href="http://www.fight-back.org">www.fight-back.org</a>	Winter clothing and gift cards for ages 0-17.

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