



Dear Friends:

As you know, the Mid-Minnesota Women's Center, Inc. provides domestic violence survivors, their children and their pets with a secure facility where they can be physically safe while finding healthy alternatives to the violent situation they have fled. In addition to providing safety at the shelter, we continue to provide essential services to the members of our community seeking advocacy, resources and education about domestic abuse.

The holidays are quickly approaching and although we are able to offer the precious gift of safety and meet the basic needs for the families in our shelter, we rely on the generosity of our beloved community to assist in providing the more tangible signs of giving during the holiday season. The anxiety of leaving behind everything they own in exchange for safety in an environment free of violence is almost impossible for anyone to comprehend; the reality of not being able to provide gifts for their children during the holiday season only adds to the immense emotional and financial strain for these families. In the past, we have been fortunate for the giving spirit of the Lakes Area which has made the holiday season brighter for countless families. Due to the pandemic families are struggling now more than ever.

We humbly ask for your help to continue this spirit of giving by making a cash contribution, purchasing gifts or adopting a family and directly make the holiday a special time for someone in need.

Please contact me at 218.828.1216 or [cristina.f@womenscenteronline.org](mailto:cristina.f@womenscenteronline.org). Together, we can make a difference in the lives of these women and children this 2020 holiday season of giving. On behalf of Mid-Minnesota Women's Center, Inc.'s Board of Directors and staff, thank you for taking the time to consider our request this holiday season.

Sincerely,

Cristina Fluegge  
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Mid-Minnesota Women's Center, Inc.

## Women's Wish list Ideas

### Kitchen

Blender  
Coffee Maker  
Bakeware, mixing Bowls  
Hand mixer  
Dinnerware, Drinking Glasses  
Serving Bowls, Utensils Toaster  
Crockpot  
Instant-Pot  
Microwave  
Pots & Pans  
Tupperware  
Towels, Washcloths

### Personal Items

Cosmetics, Cosmetics case  
Face Masks  
Fragrances  
Curling Iron, Straightener

Blow Dryer  
Hairbrushes, Combs  
Makeup, Makeup Brush Sets  
Shampoo, Conditioner  
Bath Bubbles, Bath Bombs

### Gift Certificates

Grocery Store Card  
Dial-A-Ride Bus Passes/Tokens  
Gas Card  
Movies Bowling  
Retail Store Card

### Games/Entertainment

Adult Coloring Book  
DVD Player  
Steaming Device  
Headphones/ Earbuds  
Board Games

### Miscellaneous

Auto Emergency Kids  
Household Tool Kit  
Journal, Planner  
Scented Candles  
Vacuum  
Cleaning Supplies  
Laundry Baskets  
Fitness Tracker  
Motion Light

### Bathroom

Towels  
Robes  
Shower Caddy, Organizer  
Bathmat  
Shower Curtain, Rods

### Clothing (All Ages)

Hoodies  
Winter Coats  
Snow Pants, Boots  
Pajamas  
Slippers  
Bathrobe  
Socks

### Bedroom

Comforter  
Sheets Set, all sizes  
Pillows  
Wall Decor

## Children's Wish list

### Toys

Dolls, Dollhouse  
Cars, Trucks  
Legos  
Hot Wheels, Racetrack  
Make believe//Dress up

### Games

Boards Games  
Outdoor Yard Games

### Sporting Goods

Fishing Equipment  
Sports Ball, various  
Camping Gear  
Sleeping Bag  
Snow Sled

Skateboard, Gear  
Scooter  
Coupe Ride on Car  
Bicycle

### Infant/Toddler Toys

Finger Paint  
Blocks  
Fisher Price Toys  
Melissa & Doug Toys  
Learning/Discovery Toys  
Baby Safe Dolls  
Push/Pull Toys  
Swing  
My First Ride Wagon

### Teen Gifts

Karaoke Machine  
Wallet, Purse  
DIY Kits  
Sneakers  
Digital Camera  
Makeup  
Cologne/ Wash Sets  
Hair Accessories, Scrunches  
Musical Instruments  
Waterproof Speaker  
Water bottle

### Craft/ Arts

Sewing/ Beading Sets  
Play Dough  
Silly Putty

Moon Sand  
Coloring Books  
Art Supplies, Paint  
Science kit  
Colored Pencils/ Paper

### Gift Certificates

Movies  
Retail Store Cards  
Bowling  
Waterpark Passes

### Miscellaneous

Bedding Sets, Pillows  
Journals, Planners  
Books

## Domestic Violence Shelter Immediate Needs List

- Gloves, masks, hand sanitizer
- Cleaning supplies (Bleach, mops, brooms, buckers, cleaners, vacuums)
- Laundry PODS/ soap
- Personal hygiene products (deodorant, shampoo and conditioner including ethnic kinds)
- Non-perishable meals and snacks
- Drink mixes (Lemonade, Crystal Lite, Kool-Aid, Etc.)
- Copy paper (colored and white)
- Tape (Scotch, masking, packing, duct tape)
- Batteries
- Tool kits, Auto Emergence Kits

- First Aid Supplies/ Kits (Antibiotic cream, band aids, OTC Medicine)
- Dial-A-Ride Tickets, Gas cards, Grocery Cards, Stamps
- Costco/Amazon cards to buy essential items in bulk
- Used/refurbished cell phones (Used for 911 phones)
- Pet supplies {dog/cat food & cat litter}
- Art and craft supplies (washable and acrylic paint, brushes, adult coloring books, colored pencils, crochet & knitting supplies, etc... )
- Outdoor toys for playground (balls, jump ropes, chalk, scooters)

- Women's journals/agendas, calendars and pens
- File type organizers for personal paperwork
- Makeup, Hair and Nail accessories
- Baby items - bottles/ sippy cups/ teething toys/ pacifiers Size 5/6 diapers, pull-ups, and wipes
- Pots and pans for shelter use and residents when moving out
- Ice Melt
- Dressers for bedrooms
- Pillows for shelter bedrooms
- Home goods (Microwave/ crackpot/ silverware/ pots/pans/ towels/dish sets/ sheet sets) for our housing clients

- Headphones/ Earbuds
- Device Chargers (Apple and Android)
- Outdoor tools rake, hedge trimmers, pruning shears and weeding tools
- yoga/ sweat pants/ sweatshirts (all sizes) -Robes all sizes adult and child
- Slippers, slipper socks, fuzzy socks (all sizes for shelter residents)
- Warm Winter Gloves/ Mittens
- Boys 3T, 4T, ST, 6, 14/16
- Girls Newborn-6month, 2T, 3T, 4T, 14/16