

Donation Ideas for Washington County Youth Crisis Center

WCYCC is a government entity

Donations are always helpful and appreciated. We have a continual need for hygiene and clothing items like:

Travel size Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Soap, Hairspray, Toothbrushes, Hair-ties (the kind with no metal on them), Brushes, Combs, Chapstick, Q tips.

Adolescent sizes in socks and underwear for boys and girls. Also adolescent and adult sizes in Pajama Pants, Sweat Pants, Work Out Shorts, Sweat Shirts, and T shirts.

At the beginning of the school year we can also use “stuffed” backpacks to give to youth in custody as well as youth who come through the facility and don’t have school supplies. “Stuffing” would include pens, pencils, colored pencils, calculators, note books, rulers, erasers, crayons, folders, etc

The list of books we seek:

- Eragon Series
- The Alchemist, The Magician, The Sorceress, The Necromancer, The Warlock-- Nicholas Flamel Series
- The Tale of Despereaux
- The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane
- The Chronicles of Narnia Series
- The Wrinkle in Time Series
- Peter and the Starcatchers, Peter and the Shadow Thieves, and Peter and the Secret of Rundoon
- The Leven Thumps Series
- The Hunger Games Series
- Percy Jackson and The Olympians Series
- Ranger’s Apprentice Series
- Mortal Instruments Series
- 7 Habits for Highly Effective Teens
- Life Strategies for Teens
- Chicken Soup books for children and teens
- Any other newer books for Young Adults
- Anything you enjoyed as a teen, or that any teens at home enjoy reading...

At Christmas time multiple copies of books work perfectly for Christmas gifts for youth who end up being here on Christmas morning.

Books on CD would be fantastic as well

We would also like new releases on PG and G rated DVDs & have a Wii Game console so games/add-ons for that as well (we have Wii sports and Wii fit).

Sports equipment like basketballs, Frisbees, volleyballs, boxing supplies, workout DVDs, etc.

Art supplies like tubes of acrylic paints in primary colors, including white, Artist Palette Tablets, Packs of plain white t-shirts in sizes Small and Large--for the kids to paint and take home; Beads, jute, string and more jewelry making supplies.

New Board Games/Card Games.

We can always also use gift certificates for food and activities for example: Movie passes, Pizza coupons, gift cards to restaurants, Fiesta Fun passes, gift cards to places like Walmart, Target, Best Buy.

Everything on this list above would be for the use of youth who come into WCYCC for Receiving Center, Shelter or Youth Services (these kids include those kids who are abused, neglected, have run away or are ungovernable, or are just starting to get into trouble and need a temporary safe place to stay. Only shelter youth—those who are abused, neglected, abandoned and in Division of Child and Family Services custody are allowed to do fun activities outside the facility like movies and Fiesta Fun).

Donations allow us to give the youth who stay in the facility some of the extra “perks” that would otherwise be unavailable. Our budget does not allow us to buy “nice” hygiene items, nor clothing items to give to the youth (we buy more industrial hygiene items and clothing that we can loan to them, but it is nice to be able to give them each new underwear and socks).

We also cannot pay for out-to-eat meals, new books and movies and things like that. We are only able to provide for basic necessities through our budget; we rely on donations from the community to provide for extras that are given to the youth.

Another thing that we have at times requested and go through fairly regularly are move-in-kits.

Below is a list of suggested items to include:

Put all of the following in a rubbermaid tote:

Alarm Clock	Mixing Bowl
Pillow	Set of 3 Pots/Pans
Blanket	Toilet Brush
Bath Towels	Rubber Gloves
Dish Towels	Hammer
4 place settings- Dishes	Screw Driver
4 place settings- Silverware	Pliers
4 Drinking Glasses	Batteries
Spatula	

The move-in-kits would be for youth are in the custody of the Division of Juvenile Justice Services for being seriously delinquent and have been through treatment, are 18 or older and moving into their own apartment rather than going home to their parents or other relatives.

Thanks again.