

October 1, 2014





Dear Friend of HAVEN,

The holidays can be an exciting and wonderful time, but for many families seeking services at HAVEN, it can be the most difficult time of the year. Besides the normal stress of the holidays, survivors of domestic and sexual violence have added concerns about being able to provide even the simplest of items to make the time special for their families.

Thanks to the generosity of friends and community partners like you, we were able to help 240 families including 500 children, experience a holiday filled with wonder and excitement last year. And we are counting on you to make our **28<sup>th</sup> Annual Gift Giveaway** just as successful!

Individuals who received HAVEN services in the past year will be able to select special gifts for each member of their immediate household, at no charge. Wrapping materials are provided so families can add personal finishing touches to their gifts.

GIVE A GIFT	 A colorful illustration of a snowman with a black top hat, a red scarf, and stick arms, standing on a yellow ground against a green background.	MAKE A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION	 A stylized illustration of a person wearing a green beanie, a green and yellow striped jacket, and green gloves, set against a light blue background with snowflakes.	VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME
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**HOW YOU CAN HELP:**

Collect **new, unwrapped** gifts and gift cards. Please see page 2 for our wish list items. Gifts will be collected **December 7, 8 & 9** at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Bloomfield Hills. Gift drop off times and a map are included on page 3.

Financial contributions to support this special event are also accepted and greatly appreciated. Visit [www.haven-oakland.org](http://www.haven-oakland.org) to make your gift online or monetary donations can be mailed to: HAVEN Gift Giveaway, PO Box 431045, Pontiac, MI 48342.

**TO VOLUNTEER:**

We also are looking for volunteers to help play an important role in the success of this event. Please see page 4 for information about requirements and how to sign up.

**For more details, please contact: Adreena Harley [aharley@haven-oakland.org](mailto:aharley@haven-oakland.org) or 248-322-3707.**

**Thank you for making the holidays a little brighter for someone in need!**

## 2014 GIFT GIVEAWAY - WISH LIST

**ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW, UNUSED AND UNWRAPPED.**

Donations of \$10 & \$20 gift cards from Target, Meijer or Kroger are helpful. They allow our clients to meet their varying needs in the most cost effective manner.

We are also registered for our most needed items:

[www.Target.com](http://www.Target.com) under “baby showers for Adreena Harley”

[www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com) search “donate@haven-oakland.org”

### Gifts for girls and boys, ages 0-3

- Winter Coats, Hats, Scarves, Waterproof Mittens/Gloves
- Sweat Shirt & Pants, Pajamas
- Push and Pull Toys, Sensory or Soft toys, Balls
- Dolls of Diverse Ethnicities, Action Figures, Big Legos, Books
- Diapers (larger sizes), Wipes, Bottles
- DVD's (i.e., Baby Einstein, Dora, Diego, Tinkerbell, Disney Movies)

### Gifts for girls and boys, ages 4-7

- Winter Coats, Hats, Scarves, Waterproof Mittens/Gloves
- Sweat Shirt & Pants, Pajamas
- Action Figures, Dolls of Diverse Ethnicities, Books, Legos, Cars
- Video Games, Board Games
- DVD's (i.e., Baby Einstein, Dora, Diego, Tinkerbell, Disney Movies, Thomas the Train Engine, Elmo, Sesame Street, Disney Cars, Monsters Inc., Despicable Me)

### Gifts for girls and boys, ages 8-12

- Winter Coats, Hats, Scarves, Waterproof Mittens/Gloves
- Sweat Shirt & Pants, Pajamas
- Action Figures, Dolls of Diverse Ethnicities, Dress-Up Clothes, Craft Sets, Art Sets, Bead Kits
- Books, Legos, Cars, Trucks, Remote Control Cars and Trucks
- Video Games (educational, non-violent), Ear Buds, Headphones
- Board Games, DVD (PG, non-violent), \$20 Gift Card (Target, Meijer, Wal-Mart, Best Buy)

### Gifts for teens, ages 13-18

- Winter Coats (S, M, L, XL, 1X, 2X, 3X), Hats, Scarves, Waterproof Mittens/Gloves
- Sweat Shirt & Pants, Pajamas (S-M-L-XL-1X-2X-3X)
- Make Up Sets, Jewelry, Sports Equipment, Skateboards
- Remote Control Cars and Trucks, Baseball Hats (Detroit area & college teams)
- Video Games and DVD's, Ear Buds, Headphones, \$20 Gift Card (Target, Meijer, Wal-Mart, Best Buy)

### Gifts for adults 19+ and family items

- Winter Coats (S-M-L-XL-1X-2X-3X), Hats, Scarves, Waterproof Mittens/Gloves
- Sweatshirts, Sweatpants, Pajamas (S-M-L-XL-1X-2X-3X)
- Microwave, Alarm Clock, Small Kitchen Appliances (coffee maker, toaster, blender, iron)
- Dishes, Pots and Pans, Silverware, Kitchen Gadgets
- Blankets, Pillows, Comforters, Sheets, Hand and Bath Towels, Kitchen Towels
- Board Games (Monopoly, Life, Sorry, Connect 4, UNO, Pictionary)
- Gift Wrap, Tape, Bows, Batteries for Games/Electronics

**PLEASE...**

**No toys with weapons (including squirt guns).**

**No DVD's or gifts with violent themes.**

**No edible items.**

**No used items.**

HAVEN is pleased to announce that  
St. Paul United Methodist Church in Bloomfield Hills  
is once again graciously allowing us to use their location to collect and distribute gifts.

**St. Paul United Methodist Church  
165 East Square Lake Road  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302**

**Call 248-701-4956 for information and assistance  
when dropping off gifts.**

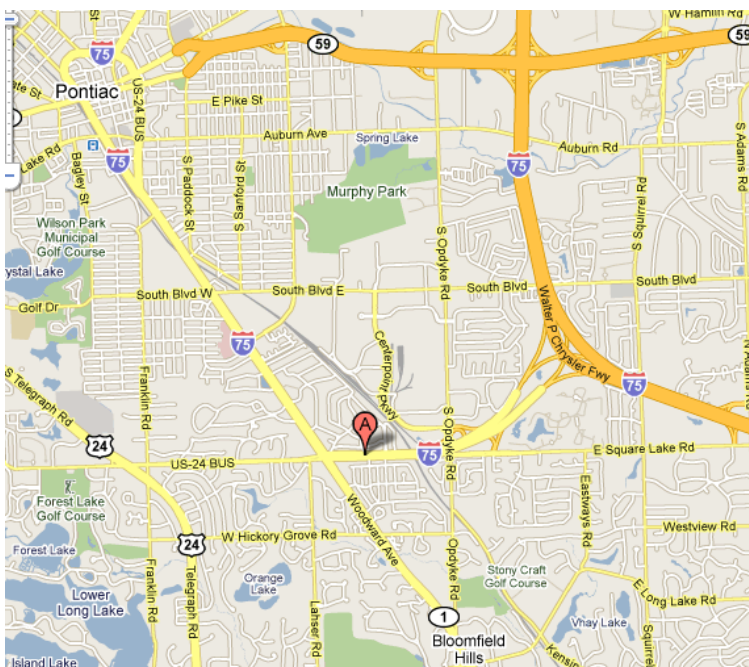
***Please do not call the church.***

**Donation Collection Times:**

**Sunday, December 7  
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Monday, December 8  
10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, December 9  
10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**



**From I-75:** Take the Square Lake exit number 75 (head west toward Woodward). Go 1.6 miles (pass Opdyke and go over the railroad tracks) and look for Mulberry Road on your right (just past the Mulberry Square Apartments). Turn right on Mulberry Road and turn left immediately into the parking lot.

**From Woodward:** Head east on Square Lake Road. Turn around at the third U-turn (if you miss it, you will end up on I-75). Once you turn around, make an immediate right onto Mulberry Road and turn left immediately into the parking lot.

## VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

### Gift Giveaway 2014

Families helped by HAVEN programs during the past year are eligible to receive gifts for children in their household. Support from friends like you is an important part of the success of this event.

#### Event Details:

- **December 7, 8 and 9** volunteers will take in donations, set up the room, organize and sort the donations and take inventory.
- **December 10 and 11** volunteers will help clients with their “shopping”, restock tables and keep things organized, and help with trash disposal.
- **December 11, the last shift volunteers** will help clients with shopping, pack up and return the church space to its original condition. These volunteers should be ready to help transport materials and supplies to our Shelter in Pontiac using their own cars.
- All volunteer shifts will be at St. Paul Methodist Church in Bloomfield Hills.
- You do not need to find a group large enough to fill the entire shift.

#### Restrictions:

Volunteers must be **age 14 or older** and able to stand for extended periods of time. There is also some lifting involved for all volunteers.

#### Volunteer Shifts:

Sunday, December 7	11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	15 people needed
Sunday, December 7	2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	15 people needed
Monday, December 8	9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	15 people needed
Monday, December 8	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	18 people needed
Monday, December 8	4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	18 people needed
Tuesday, December 9	9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	18 people needed
Tuesday, December 9	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	21 people needed
Tuesday, December 9	4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	21 people needed
Wednesday, December 10	9:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	36 people needed
Wednesday, December 10	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	36 people needed
Wednesday, December 10	4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	36 people needed
Thursday, December 11	9:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	32 people needed
Thursday, December 11	12:00 p.m. – 4:00 pm.	32 people needed

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