



## The Education Project Holiday Giving Tree

The Education Project Holiday Giving Tree helps us give Washtenaw County students in homeless and temporary living situations a special gift during the winter holiday season.

### WHAT:

Individuals, businesses and organizations commit to buying gifts (approximately \$30 per gift bag) and putting those gifts in a gift bag marked with the grade and gender of the gift recipient. Gifts are delivered to The Education Project at Washtenaw Intermediate School District (WISD) Teaching and Learning Center (TLC) November 27th-December 1st and The Education Project coordinates with the schools for distribution.

### WHO:

Last school year, we were able to provide some holiday cheer to nearly 500 children and youth living in shelters, motels, cars, temporary foster care placements and other temporary situations. Our gift drive is often the only source of holiday gifts for these students during the holiday season.

#### GIFTS FOR Preschool - 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SHOULD INCLUDE:

- new age appropriate book
- A small game or toy or art supplies/craft projects
- A winter hat and set of gloves

#### GIFTS FOR 6<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SHOULD INCLUDE:

- A gift card to a store or restaurant (\$10-\$25)
- A winter hat and set of gloves

All gifts should be placed, unwrapped, in a gift bag (minimum size of 8.5 by 11), with gift tag indicating grade and sex of recipient attached

Tissue paper in the gift bag is optional, but is always appreciated!

### WHEN:

Gifts should be dropped off **from November 26<sup>th</sup> – December 7<sup>th</sup>** at the WISD TLC, 1819 S. Wagner Rd., Ann Arbor, between 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., if possible. Thank you for your support!

**The Education Project, a program of Ozone House**

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## The Education Project Holiday Gift Drive FAQs

### How do I participate?

Please email The Education Project at [Volunteer.educationproject@gmail.com](mailto:Volunteer.educationproject@gmail.com) with the number of students you would like to sponsor.

### Should I wrap the gifts?

Place the gifts in a gift bag **unwrapped**. If you can include tissue paper, we'd be grateful!

### Why are the gifts unwrapped in a gift bag?

In order to match gifts with what students will enjoy and ensure gifts are equitable we need to know what is in each gift bag.

### Will someone from the Education Project pick up the gifts?

We may have volunteers available to pick up gifts. Please let us know if this would be helpful.

### Where should I drop off the gifts?

Please bring items to the Washtenaw Intermediate School District (WISD) Teaching and Learning Center (TLC), 1819 S. Wagner Rd., Ann Arbor. You can pull into the circular drive in front of the TLC doors to unload the gifts. The receptionist is happy to notify us when donations arrive. You can also pick up a donation receipt from the receptionist.

### When can I drop off the gifts?

November 26<sup>th</sup>- December 7<sup>th</sup> during office hours of 8:30 am – 4:00 pm.

### How do the gifts get to the children?

We partner with all 9 school districts and 13 charter schools in our county. School staffers collect and distribute gifts to The Education Project students at the schools. Gifts are distributed discreetly to maintain the confidentiality of students involved with The Education Project.