



CASA PACIFICA
CENTERS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

HOLIDAY GIVING GUIDE • DOVE WISHES

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SHARE THE JOY OF THE HOLIDAYS WITH AT-RISK CHILDREN AND YOUTH!

Every year, we at Casa Pacifica are amazed by the outpouring of support for our youth, young adults and families during the holidays. It's because of donors like you that we can make the season brighter for those we serve throughout Ventura County and beyond. Join us!

Here are some ways to support the children, young adults and families in our care this holiday season:

Fulfill Our Youths' Holiday Wishes - Every year Casa Pacifica launches our Dove Wishes gift giving drive, working with generous individuals, businesses and community organizations to make our youth and young adults' holiday dreams come true.

Make a Financial Donation - Your gift to Casa Pacifica allows us to allocate funds where they are most needed. Whether it's to support activities, gifts or year-round needs, your donation helps our youth have a holiday that shines!

Donate Gift Cards/Host a Gift Card Drive - Gift cards are especially helpful for our campus-based youth who use them for outings, restaurant dinners, celebrating milestones and more.

Help us provide these gift cards by hosting a party or drive at your home, business, school or place of worship. Each gift card helps our youth choose and purchase essential items.

Shop Our Amazon and Target Wish Lists - Purchase items from our online registries and have them shipped directly to our Camarillo campus! Your purchase helps us provide for the estimated 2,100+ children and youth in our care every year.

Adopt a Family - Our Adopt a Family program helps make the holidays a more joyous time for our families and for many, these gifts will be the only ones they receive during the holidays.

Thank you for helping make this a season of celebration and delight for our kids!



WAYS TO GIVE - DOVE WISHES

Many of our youth and young adults do not have the luxury of gathering with family around a Christmas tree or receiving gifts from loved ones.

Each year, Casa Pacifica's Dove Wishes holiday gift drive creates joyful holiday memories for the youth and young adults in our care. Each of our campus kids can wish for five items for holiday gifts: **three wants** – fun

items like electronics, makeup or a new pair of shoes – and **two needs**, like hygiene products or bedding. They can also request stocking stuffers.

From each youth's wish list, we write every wish individually on a red dove ornament along with the child's name, age and gender. Simply fulfill the wish and

return the **unwrapped gift** to our campus, along with the dove, and help our youth feel special during the holidays!

Want to maximize your gift giving? Host a Dove Wishes drive at your home, office or family holiday party and invite co-workers or family members to donate wish list items or gift cards.

Have a friend who has everything? Make a holiday donation in their name and help ensure our kids have the same exciting holiday that so many families enjoy! **Our kids' wishes include:**

- **Gift cards**
- **Nintendo Switch games** (teen-rated and under)
- **Wired earbuds**
- **DVDs** (PG-13 and under)
- **Portable DVD player**
- **Board games**
- **Journals**
- **Art supplies** (acrylic paint, brushes canvases, etc.)
- **Lego sets**
- **Craft kits**
- **Press-on nails**
- **Bed in a bag** (twin XL size)
- **Items to decorate rooms** (battery-operated lights, rugs, popular TV show or movie posters)
- **Vans or Converse** (adult sizes)
- **Sephora or Ulta make-up**
- **Bath & Body Works body care products, including lotion and body scrubs**
- **Women's electric razors**
- **Cologne and perfume**
- **Shampoo and conditioner sets** (Pantene, Herbal Essence preferred)



YEAR-ROUND NEEDS

Casa Pacifica admits a child into one of our programs every four hours, and serves approximately 350 youth, young adults, and families every day. Many of our kids have little to nothing when they come to us. Providing them with essential items like hygiene products, undergarments and new bedding helps restore their sense of self-worth and dignity. Adopt a year-round wish and support our youth during the holidays, and all year long!

Among the personal items our youth always need:

- Clothing, including socks, undergarments, robes, slippers, leggings, and t-shirts
- Personal hygiene products including shampoo/conditioner sets, body wash and deodorant
- Beauty products, including body lotion, perfume, Cantu Beauty Products
- Bedding items such as new bedspreads, sheets and pillows (XL twin bed-in-a-bags are ideal!)
- Bathroom accessories including towels and laundry baskets
- Arts and craft supplies including acrylic paint, brushes and canvas
- Earphones/AirPods





YEAR-ROUND COTTAGE/PROGRAM NEEDS

Our residential, educational and therapeutic programs utilize a variety of supplies and equipment throughout the year. **Items need most often include:**

- **Residential:** comforters/sheets/blankets/pillows, twin XL bed-in-a-bag, towels, bathroom carts, fry pans/skillets, saucepans, soup pots, steamers, grill pans, waffle makers, colanders, utensils, oven mitts/pot holders, kitchen towels, cutting board, OXO pop-up storage containers, Tupperware, microwaves, blenders, toaster/toaster ovens, food processors, rice cookers, coffee makers, bakeware sets, casserole dishes, cookie sheets/sheet pans, cupcake/muffin pans, mixing/prep bowls, measuring cups/spoons, flatware, serving utensils, melamine drinkware/dishes, tablecloths, placemats, 65" TVs, gaming consoles
- **Nonpublic School:** composition notebooks, 1-inch binders, colored paper, Ticonderoga pencils, golf pencils; Petco or Petsmart gift cards (classroom aquariums - fish food, maintenance, etc.)
- **Farm-to-School Garden:** small journals and sketchbooks, paper plates, plastic utensils, sponges (cooking classes), gift cards from B&B Hardware, ACE Hardware, Lowes, Home Depot, and Green Thumb
- **Music Program:** Snark brand clip-on tuners, acoustic guitar strings (Martin Marquis bronze brand, medium gauge)
- **Recreational Therapy:** air-dry modeling clay, bracelet-making kits (pony beads), fuse beads/fuse grid boards, sketch books, watercolor books, tracing paper, markers, colored pencils, wooden pencils (no eraser), chalk pastels, oil pastels, gel and paint pens (all colors), acrylic paints.



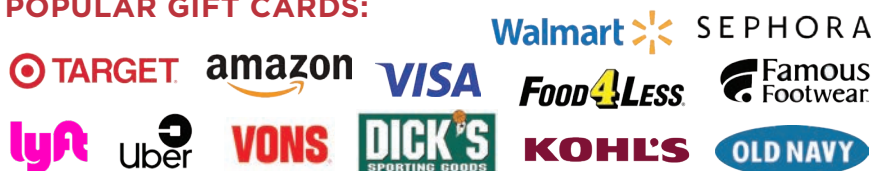
HELPING AT-RISK YOUNG ADULTS THROUGH THE HOLIDAY SEASON

During the holidays, the wishes of youth who are aging out/aged out of foster care (transitional age youth) are no different than ours: a chance to gather with friends and loved ones, open gifts and enjoy the season. With your help, we can make the holidays feel special for transitional age youth who are receiving services from Casa Pacifica.

There are several ways to help young adults receive gifts or needed items for the holidays:

- Purchase items from our Amazon and Target wish lists
- Donate gift cards! Gift cards are a popular and important gift for young adults – they want autonomy and the flexibility to choose. Gift cards also help them find specific sizes, preferred clothing or essential household items. Our most requested gift cards appear below!
- Make a financial donation and leave the shopping to us!
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POPULAR GIFT CARDS:



ADOPT A FAMILY

Casa Pacifica provides mental health services to families in Ventura and Santa Barbara County every day. For many of the families we work with, the holidays can be an especially difficult time. You can participate in this heartwarming service to our community by adopting one of our families in need.



Families often ask for items such as:

- Household items including bedding, kitchenware, cleaning and laundry supplies
- Hygiene products
- Arts and crafts supplies
- Toys and games for their children
- Gift cards (see our families' favorite picks below!)

From the families' wish lists, you simply purchase and pack all the items in a laundry basket. We'll take care of delivering it in time to make their holiday merry and bright!

POPULAR FAMILY GIFT CARDS:



"Thank you so much for the Target gift cards! I was able to get my boys the toys they wanted for Christmas. We went through a lot recently and your generosity really put a smile on my face. We are so grateful to Casa Pacifica for everything you do for our family – at the holidays and all year long!" - Parent, Arianna



MONETARY DONATIONS

Wishes and needs for our kids are accepted with gratitude but one of the most effective ways you can make a difference is through a monetary donation. Monetary donations provide the most flexibility to fulfill the needs of the youth we care for every year, allowing us to take them on outings, make birthday wishes come true and so much more!

"I love the feeling of walking into a store and being able to buy something for myself. For years I used a thrift store purse because it was the only option available to me." – Jacqueline, Casa Pacifica youth

DONATE GIFT CARDS

Gift cards are one of the most popular holiday requests of our youth, especially teens. Gift cards allow our kids to purchase needed items like clothes as well as items during supervised outings with our staff. Our top choices are Amazon, Target and restaurant gift cards in increments of \$25-\$50. See below for more of their favorites!



Consider hosting a gift card drive with friends, family and co-workers to give our kids the opportunity to purchase items they need or to enjoy outings to local attractions like Golf N' Stuff or Harley's Camarillo Bowl or the movies!



DONATE YOUR TIME

It's the season of giving and there's no better feeling than giving your time to help others!

There are numerous ways you can help support our youth, from volunteering as an individual, joining a committee, to working directly with our kids behind the scenes. No matter your role, as a volunteer you help carry our mission forward!



Holiday and year-round volunteer opportunities include:

- **Set-up for our annual children's Holiday Party**
- **Holiday Boutique support, including serving as a cashier or assisting with gift wrapping**
- **Decorate Christmas trees and Casa Pacifica's lobby**
- **Holiday baking and crafts with our youth**
- **Team-building activities on campus**
- **Campus beautification projects**
- **Organizing a sports or craft day**

Every hour you donate to our youth is an hour well spent. Our volunteers truly make a difference!

HELPFUL REMINDERS!

- Please bring unwrapped Dove Wish gifts to campus with the red dove attached. (Each gift is scanned into our system; please do not giftwrap your items. If you prefer to bring a wrapped item, bring your present in a gift bag.)
- Fill out our holiday donation form for your tax records!
- To honor the kids we serve, all items must be new.
- We cannot accept items that include glass or sharp objects.
- Please donate gift cards in an envelope, separate from your gift bag/box, to ensure they are seen and easy to distribute.



THANKS FOR SHARING THE JOY!

Since we opened our doors in 1994, Casa Pacifica has provided hope and healing to nearly 55,000 children, young adults and families. Our dedicated donors have been integral to our mission of building bright futures for the most vulnerable in our community.

On behalf of our youth and families, thank you for your generosity and compassion in making our youth's holiday wishes come true. We look forward to sharing the joy for many years to come.

From all of us at Casa Pacifica, happy holidays!



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Our Mission: Casa Pacifica inspires hope and nurtures mental health and well-being of children, young adults, and families to realize their full potential.

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