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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 you can help:

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 clothing, hygiene products, linens, personal needs, outings, restaurants, 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 1,900 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, young adults, and families!

** Please include your name and address on your Amazon and Target Wish List purchases so we can thank you!*



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 campus resident can wish for five gift items: **three wants** – fun items like gift cards, electronics, makeup, or a new pair of shoes – and **two needs**, like hygiene products or bedding. They can also request stocking stuffers.



We then write every individual wish from each youth and young adult's wish list on a red dove ornament along, with their 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.

Or, have a friend who has everything? Make a holiday donation in their name at www.casapacifica.org/holiday-giving. Whichever option you choose, you can help ensure our kids have the same exciting holiday that so many families enjoy! **Our kids' wishes include:**

- **Gift cards**
- **Lego sets**
- **Sephora or Ulta make-up**
- **Shampoo and conditioner sets** (Pantene, Herbal Essence preferred)
- **Wired earbuds**
- **Cologne and perfume**
- **DVDs** (Movies & TV shows PG-13, TV 14 and under)
- **Art supplies** (acrylic paint, brushes, canvases, modeling clay, pony beads, etc.)
- **Fidget Sets** (Squishies, clickers, sensory toys)
- **Bath Towels**
- **Nintendo Switch 2 games**
- **Nintendo Switch Lites**
- **PS5 games**
- **ProClub brand sweatpants**
- **Portable DVD players**
- **"Warmies"** (weighted stuffed animals)
- **Young Adult books**
- **Vans or Converse** (adult sizes)
- **Puzzles**
- **Skateboards** (with helmets)

YEAR-ROUND NEEDS

Casa Pacifica admits a child/youth into one of our programs every five hours, and serves approximately 600 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 and young adults during the holidays, and all year long!

Among the personal items our youth always need:

- Clothing, including socks, wireless bras, underwear, robes, slippers, leggings, and t-shirts
- Personal hygiene products including shampoo/conditioner sets, body wash, and deodorant/clinical-strength deodorant
- Beauty products, including body lotion, perfume, textured haircare products
- Bedding items such as new bedspreads, sheets (XL twin bed-in-a-bags are ideal!)
- Bathroom accessories including towels and laundry baskets
- Arts and craft supplies including acrylic paint, brushes and canvases, craft kits, beads, diamond art
- wired/wireless earbuds, wired over-ear headphones, MP3 players (Getko Tech ZED5 32GB Touch Screen suggested - Bluetooth enabled for wireless headphones. No video, no FM radio, no Internet access, and no recording allowed)





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, XL bed-in-bag, towels, bath carts
- Fry pans, skillets, saucepans, soup pots, steamers, grill pans,
- Colanders, utensils, oven mits, pot holders, kitchen towels, cutting boards, OXO pop-up storage containers, Tupperware
- Wafflemakers, microwaves, blenders, toaster/toaster ovens, food processors, rice cookers, coffee makers
- Bakeware sets, cassarole dishes, cookie sheets, sheet pans, cupcake & muffin tins, mixing bowls, measuring cups & spoons, prep bowls
- Flatware, serving utensils, melamine drinkware & dishes, tablecloths, placemats
- 65" TVs, gaming consoles

Recreational Therapy:

- Air-dry modeling clay
- Bracelet-making kits (pony beads), fuse beads & fuse grid boards
- Sketch books, watercolor books
- Markers, colored pencils, chalk pastels, oil pastels, gel and paint pens (all colors), acrylic paints
- Fabrics for sewing
- Various types of yarn
- Dodgeballs

Nonpublic School:

- College-ruled 8.5"x11" paper, composition notebooks, 1" & 2" binders
- Mechanical pencils, Ticonderoga pencils, golf pencils
- Colored paper & colored butcher paper
- Dry erase markers, whiteboard cleaner
- Petco or Petsmart gift cards (for classroom aquariums)
- Noise-cancelling headphones, fidget toys

Farm-to-School Garden:

- Small journals & sketchbooks
- Paper plates, plastic utensils, sponges (cooking classes)
- Gift cards from B&B Hardware, ACE Hardware, Lowes, Home Depot, Vons, Trader Joe's & Green Thumb
- Dry erase markers, whiteboard cleaner
- Petco or Petsmart gift cards (classroom aquariums)
- Fidget toys, noise-cancelling headphones

Music Program:

- Snark brand clip-on tuners
- Guitar picks
- Acoustic guitar and ukelele strings (Martin Marquis bronze brand, medium gauge)



HELPING AT-RISK YOUNG ADULTS THROUGH THE HOLIDAY SEASON

During the holidays, young adults accessing our Transitional Youth Services Stepping Stones transitional housing program (some of them parenting young adults), 18-24 years, enjoy the chance to gather with friends and loved ones, open gifts and celebrate the season. With your help, we can make the holidays feel special for them and their children!

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

- TYS residents fill out Dove Wishes for themselves and their children. Request to fill a TYS young adult's and/or a child's wish
- 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!
www.casapacifica.org/donate

POPULAR GIFT CARDS:



SEPHORA

Smart&Final

TARGET



VISA

Walmart

TRADER JOE'S

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
- Games for the whole family
- 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 and young adults are accepted with gratitude. But one of the most effective ways you can make a difference is through a monetary donation, providing the most flexibility to fulfill the needs of all those we care for every year - allowing us to take them on outings, make birthday wishes come true and so much more! Give at www.casapacifica.org/donate.

"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 from our youth, especially teens. Gift cards allow them to purchase needed items like clothes, or wanted items like art supplies during supervised outings with our staff. Or give entertainment gift cards for outings like Golf N' Stuff, movies, or Harley's Camarillo Bowl.



Consider hosting a gift card drive with friends, family and co-workers! Our top choices are Amazon, Target and restaurant gift cards in increments of \$25-\$50.



DONATE YOUR TIME

There's no better gift than sharing your time to create meaningful experiences for youth and young adults in our care.

Whether you're helping a young person shop for gifts at our Holiday Boutique, wrapping presents, spreading holiday cheer, or supporting activities throughout the year, your volunteer service helps create lasting memories and opportunities our youth and young adults.



Holiday and year-round volunteer opportunities include:

- Support youth during Holiday Boutique shopping
- Assist with gift wrapping and holiday celebrations
- Decorate Christmas trees on Casa Pacifica's campus or in lobbies
- Lead baking, crafts, sports, or enrichment activities with our youth
- Participate in campus beautification and improvement projects
- Organize team-building activities, special events, or volunteer service days
- Serve on event committees or support behind-the-scenes volunteer efforts.



Every hour donated to our youth is an hour well spent. Our volunteers truly make a difference! Visit <https://bit.ly/4cFQvkM> to sign up!

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 over 56,000 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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