

Program Wish Lists

Many CHD programs depend on donations to support their budgets and without which some could not exist at all, like **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampshire County, CASA of Hampden County, Disability Resources, and Not Bread Alone**, to name a few. But all our programs have needs that exceed even what their budgets often allow.

So, we've put together wish lists asking for items, both small and large, that will make a significant difference in the lives of the more than 10,000 children, families and individuals we serve every year. To make a general contribution or to make a donation for one of these specific purposes, please call the CHD **Development Office** at 413-733-6624. We regret that we don't have room to list all our program needs here:

NEW ART SUPPLIES (\$10-\$50)

Art supplies are always in high demand at CHD. We use them in almost all our programs for clients of all ages, as both recreation and therapy: magic markers, crayons, paint, drawing paper, construction paper, large sheets of paper, glue and glue sticks, clay, fabric, yarn, crochet and knitting needles, stickers, beads, string and clasps, safety scissors. The programs that have issued specific requests for such items are **Grace House**, our recovery home in Northampton for women reuniting with their children; **Jessie's House**, our residence for homeless families in Amherst; our **Adult Day Health** centers; the **Terri Thomas Girls Program**; and our **Outpatient Behavioral Health Services** clinic in Springfield.

ADOLESCENT TREATMENT PROGRAM (\$100-\$1,000)

The kitchen and dining room at CHD's residence in Springfield for court-involved teenage boys got a sprucing up this fall thanks to volunteers from **MassMutual** and **Springfield College**. Unfortunately, the rugs on the second floor of the facility where the boys' bedrooms are located can't be painted and need to be replaced. The game room could also use new pool and Ping Pong tables. Most of the residents also do not own winter coats. They need 15 of them, in varying sizes.

GRACE HOUSE (\$35-\$1,000)

Fourteen families living under one roof generate a lot of dirty laundry. **Grace House** could use new coin-operated washers and dryers, preferably front loading because they hold more clothes and are easier to clean. They could also use new linens, bath towels and pillows; children's books (board books and picture books) to start a lending library for the residents; diapers (newborn to pull-ups, any brand); and school bus passes, which cost \$35 a year in Northampton, per child.

ADULT DAY HEALTH (\$10-\$150)

CHD's **Adult Day Health** center in Springfield is looking for donations of large print crossword puzzles and word search books; puzzles; movies (rated no more than PG-13); music CDs; a computer with a printer; outdoor chairs with arms; outdoor umbrellas with stands; a volunteer who could do nails, cut hair or give massages; and entertainers who are willing to donate their time.



CHD Disability Resources



Homelessness Prevention



A New Leaf Flower Shop

GIFT CARDS (\$25-\$50)

Gift cards in modest amounts of \$25-\$50 to Big Lots, Ocean State Job Lot and Target would make a big difference in the lives of many of our clients during the holiday season.

OUTPATIENT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES (\$100-\$500)

CHD's clinic on Pine Street in Springfield could use a dozen children's table and chair sets (table with two chairs), a picnic table or patio set with an umbrella (to replace one crushed by a fallen apple tree during a storm); and new or used vinyl or leather sofa and chairs or a sectional for the clinic's family room.

SUMMER CAMP SPONSORSHIPS (\$100 +)

Many of the children we see come from poor or struggling families who can't afford the little extras most people take for granted, like music lessons or recreational sports. A gift of a \$100, or a little more, can send a child to summer camp for a week and provide memories that last a lifetime.

TOYS and GAMES (\$15 +)

Gifts of new toys and games, or a monetary donation to help purchase them, are always needed for the children and families in our programs, never more so then during this time of year.

HOW TO MAKE YOUR GIFT

- Use your credit card. Go to our secure online donations page and choose "CHD's Greatest Need" in the drop-down menu.
- For stock or in-kind donations, call Susan Alston or Janet Simeone in the CHD Development Office at 413-733-6624.
- Mail a check to CHD's Development Office, 332 Birnie Ave., Springfield, MA, 01107, payable to "CHD" or "Center for Human Development."

We thank you in advance for your
generosity and support!