

# Holiday Wishes

## Every youth deserves happy holiday memories!

In a world that is becoming increasingly anonymous, our Giving Tree Program offers a way to directly touch a youth's life. This year we have more than 600 youth, young moms and babies, young families and homeless youth wishing for a little holiday cheer. Join with Friends of Youth to make wishes come true

### **Giving Tree 2009**

More than 20 area businesses, schools and organizations are participate in Giving Tree 2009 by displaying Gift Tags on trees in their lobbies and other public areas. It is the generosity of employees, customers and students that make this program a success. By selecting a gift tag, they pledge to purchase a special gift for a youth in need. Click here to learn more about how you can host a Giving Tree at your company, school or organization.

Even if you can't host a Giving Tree, you can make holiday wishes come true by picking up a Friends of Youth Giving Tree Gift Tag at University Village or the Friends of Youth Administrative Office.

### **Holiday Stockings**

**The Stocking Drive** is a program growing in popularity among area businesses and schools. It's a great way for people to say happy holiday to those in need, especially the homeless youth who do not have a means of storing gifts from the Giving Tree.

Friends of Youth provides any number of 24 inch felt stockings to churches, clubs, businesses and organizations. Groups then stuff the stockings with a variety of items including toiletries, books, toy cars, costume jewelry, crayons, and other age and gender appropriate gifts. Gift cards and certificates to restaurants/fast food places are highly desirable and much appreciated!

This program is perfect for people who don't have the time or are not financially able to participate in the Giving Tree Program and still want to help during the holiday season.

Click here instructions on how you can get involved. We also have a suggested list of stocking stuffers for different age groups. Consider joining with our current Stocking Sponsors to make the holidays bright.

### **Program Wish List**

Consider making a wish come true for one of Friends of Youth's programs. Our Program Wish List represents items that our programs need. Please take a look at our list and if you feel you can contribute, contact us at 425-273-9998 or email [cheryl@friendsofyouth.org](mailto:cheryl@friendsofyouth.org). Your donation is tax-deductible, and easy to make.

### **Alternative Giving**

Honor a friend of family member by making an Alternative Gift to Friends of Youth. It's a positive experience and a great way to bypass the annual stress of holiday shopping and "stuff" accumulation. Click here to make your Alternative Gift online. A special card will be sent to your "honoree" recognizing your gift in their honor. Note: the acknowledgement card will not denote the value of the gift.