

## Calling All Kids!

Ionia Kids Clubs would like to make this holiday special for children in Ionia County. We are filling shoeboxes with small new toys and other items. Each year the number of shoeboxes needed continues to grow! Please help us by preparing a shoebox for us!

### Making A Kids Care Holiday Hope Chest

1. Take an average size shoebox or plastic box and decorate it with wrapping paper, comics, stickers, etc. **IMPORTANT:** Wrap the bottom and top separately, so the box can be opened or closed without tearing the decorations. The box will become a "treasure chest" for the child who receives it.
2. Use your imagination to fill the box with small **NEW** gifts. It is better to get together with someone else and make one Holiday Hope Chest than to put one together with too few items. Choose infant, baby, pre-school, elementary, middle school or teen. (There is always a great need for infants and teen chests). There are gift ideas for each age group listed on the back of this flyer.
3. Create your own hand-designed holiday card to include in the box.
4. Cut out the Holiday Hope Chest Gift Tag at the bottom of this page and place it in the top of your box. Be sure to circle the age your box is assembled for and whether it is for a boy or girl. Use 2 or 3 strong rubber bands or a ribbon to keep the lid on tight.

**Return your Kids Care Holiday Hope Chest to the First Christian Church between December 1<sup>st</sup> & December 15<sup>th</sup>. Ionia Kids Club Members will deliver boxes to low income children a few days before Christmas.**

### Holiday Hope Chest Gift Tag

CIRCLE ONE:    A Girl    A Boy

Infant (newborn to 9 mos)

Baby (10 mos to 2 yrs)

Preschool (3 to 5 yrs)

Elementary (6 - 9 yrs)

Middle School (10-13 yrs)

Teen (14-17 yrs)

This gift was made with love for:



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Holiday Hope Chest Filler Ideas

### **Infant – newborn to 9 mos.**

#### **Baby – 10 mos. to 2 yrs.**

NEW rattles, pacifiers, bottles, bibs, infant soaps, shampoos, wash cloths, small picture books, stuffed animals, pamphlets on child care, teething rings, boxes of teething cookies, socks, blocks, combs, nail clippers, small crib mobiles, hats, mittens, sleepers, and a home-made holiday card.

Do not include used items, toys with small pieces, candy, balloons or glass items.

### **Pre-School 3 – 5 yrs.**

#### **Elementary 6-9 yrs.**

NEW crayons, pencils, markers, notepaper, glue, Play Doh, flash cards, stickers, small toys, socks, gloves, hats, packaged candy or cookies, small books, coloring books, flashlight, Legos, hair products, toothbrush and toothpaste, fun shampoos and soaps, lotions, card games, magnets, and a home-made holiday card.

### **Middle School 10-13yrs.**

NEW sports items, hats, gloves, socks, jewelry, craft kits, markers, pens, pencils, diary or journal books, magazines, books, toothbrush and toothpaste, hairbrush, deodorant, nail polish, nail files, chap stick, mints, gum, playing cards, hair clips, wallet, watch, scented soaps, disposable cameras, small photo frame, flashlight, and a hand-made holiday card.

### **High School 14-17 yrs.**

NEW sports items, hats, gloves, socks, jewelry, pens, pencils, diary or journal books, magazines, books, hair clips, wallet, watch, scented soaps, disposable cameras, small photo frame, flashlight, gift cards for local business such as video rentals or fast food, and a hand-made holiday card.

### **Theme Boxes for all ages NEW items that follow a theme**

Movie Boxes: Include popcorn, candy, DVD or gift card to local video store add small items related to your favorite movie.

Art Boxes: Include paper, colored pencils, craft items, stickers, water paints and other age appropriate supplies for the child you wish to help.

Bath Supply Box: Include a few wash cloths, body wash, shampoo & conditioner, brush or comb. These are great for girls or boys depending on which scent you use!

**Do not include used items, toy guns, knives, violent tapes, money, food that could spoil, balloons, glass items or food with nuts or peanut butter in any Holiday Hope Chest.**