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Holiday Gifts Needed For Teens in Custody of Cuyahoga County

The Department of Children and Family Services launched its annual Giving Tree Project to collect gifts for children in custody of Cuyahoga County.

The agency is seeking support from the community to make a child's holiday wish come true. A major focus for this year's project is for youth 12 years and older who are less likely to receive an age appropriate donated gift. There are approximately 800 youths in custody of Cuyahoga County who are 12 years and older.

"We recognize the challenges organizations and the community as a whole face with this year's economy," stated Deborah Forkas. "Our agency is confronted with many of those same challenges," she continued. "That's why it is dire that we all join together to support this effort by providing gifts to children in custody of Cuyahoga County who are here by no fault of their own," stated Forkas.

Gifts suggested by teens include:

- Visa Gift Cards
- Gift Cards
- Best Buy Gift Cards
- Bath and Body Works Gift Sets
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- MP3 Players
- Games for X Box -360
- Games for DSI
- Games for PSP
- Games for Play Station 3
- Games for Play Station 2
- Gift Cards to purchase Music
- Movie Theater Gift Cards

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- Wal Mart Gift Cards
- Hollister Co. Gift Cards
- American Eagle Gift Cards
- Forever 21 Gift Cards
- Purses
- Watches
- Footballs
- Basketballs
- Camera's

Anyone interested in making a donation to the Giving Tree Project to support a youth in care, can drop gifts off at The Department of Children and Family Services, located at 3955 Euclid Avenue., Cleveland, Ohio, 44115. Participants should go to the parking lot area attached to the building off of 40th Avenue. A guard will direct donors to the shipping area where gifts will be picked up by staff. The Giving Tree Project runs through December 18, 2009. Drop off hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday's from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. For additional information contact the Recruitment Department at 216-881-5775.

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