Parker Family Resource Center (PFRC) Monica McRho, Program Coordinator, x6892

"TOYS FOR JOY": Dec 21, 2011, 10-12:30 pm, Serna Center Community Rooms "Invitation Only" Event: PFRC will select the shelters and families invited to participate.

Toys/Gifts for homeless and disadvantaged children: Where parents get to choose, wrap, tag, and smile!

If you or your department would like to donate and help, please email me with an approximation of the type and quantity of your donations. It is important for me to have this info by Nov 30, 2011.

Great site for gift ideas- Walmart.com: In the "Search" box put "Toys" and hit "Go." They break it down by age, gender, and price

SOME GIFT IDEAS: But, there is so much more out there.

(Please avoid puzzles with more than 100 pieces, anything with batteries, and playdough)

CHILDREN: Ages 3-12 (age appropriate items)

Art sets/kits, chalk, "create your own"

T-shirts: cool, cute, & jazzy ones. No red or blue shirts (ok for the colors to be on the imprint)

Girl and Boy stuff (you know what I'm talking about). Please, no girl cosmetics for this group.

Clocks, kids

Jackets or coats, child's <u>med or large</u> (fleece, hoodies, low cost coats (check walmart): no red or blue **Games** (in sturdy case or box)- Examples:

Pick up sticks, Connect 4, Mancala, Dominoes, Mr. Potato Head, Chinese Checkers, Checkers, Chess, Battleship, Guess Who, Clue, Sorry, Trouble, card game sets, etc.

Puzzles: 10 to 100 pieces

Toys- Examples:

Plastic animals (My Pony, dinosaurs, horses, packs of critters, etc)

Action figures, plush toys, & dolls

Building blocks, legos, cars, trucks

Tea sets, Etch-A-Sketch, etc.

Sports: Duffle bags (small sizes), sports balls, jump rope, nerf balls, darts (sticky ones), frisbees and other fun games, sports equipment

TEENS: ages 13 – 17: My hardest group to fill. Ask a teen for more suggestions.

Sports, of course

Duffle bags, mid to large size

Cosmetics, hair products, and lotion/hygiene sets for girls

Jewelry for teen males and females (no pierced products), watches (battery ok)

Perfume/cologne for male/female teens (please, no "Axe" or other sexually suggestive products)

Belts, scarves, beanies, purses, wallets

Jackets or coats, Adult med or large (fleece, hoodies, low cost coats (check walmart): no red or blue

Games and Travel game sets: checkers, chess, mancala, dominoes, cards

Books, popular teen novels: "Twilight," fantasy novels, etc. (Google: popular teen novels/books)

EVENT DONATIONS: Wrapping paper, bows; Finger food (sweets, pizza squares, veggies, cheese platter, etc.); Drinks (flats of water, liters of soda or sweetened tea); Paper products: plates, cups, napkins