

TOYS, GIFTS, FOOD & ESSENTIALS

We are very grateful to receive donations of **NEW** toys, gifts, winter wear and essentials. The following are guidelines of donations that we are looking to accept. Thank you in advance for your generosity and for donating items that reflect Yonge Street Mission (YSM's) values.

Children

- Infant and toddler toys (non-violent*)
- Creative, educational sets
- Arts & crafts supplies, bead kits
- Books, board games & puzzles
- Backpacks & school supplies
- Colouring books & markers
- Lego & Duplo building toys
- Dolls, teddy bears, soft toys
- Cars, trucks, boats, trains
- Musical toys (i.e. drums, keyboards)
- Infant rattles, teething, diapers

Teens

- Board games
- Electronics (media players, earphones, mini speakers)
- Sports equipment (basketballs, soccer balls)
- Gift cards – frequently used shops include: malls (Cadillac Fairview), discount stores, drugstores (i.e. Shoppers Drug Mart), book stores, movie theatres and clothing stores (i.e. H&M, Foot Locker)

Street-Involved Youth

- Gift cards – frequently used shops include: coffee shops (i.e. Tim Hortons), grocery stores (i.e. No Frills), drugstores (i.e. Shoppers Drug Mart), malls and discount stores (i.e. Cadillac Fairview & Wal-Mart) & clothing stores (i.e. H&M, Foot Locker)
- Winter wear – hats, socks, gloves, coats, boots and scarves
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Jeans & sweatpants
- Sweatshirts & hoodies
- Sleeping bags
- Toiletry items such as shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, lotion, toothbrushes and toothpaste (travel size)

Adults

- Gift cards - grocery, drug stores and discount shops
- Backpacks
- Stationery items
- Pre-paid phone cards
- Toiletry items such as shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, lotion, toothbrushes and toothpaste (including travel size)
- Winter wear – hats, socks, gloves, coats, boots and scarves
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Large print books
- TTC tickets/tokens
- Incontinence (depends) & sanitary products

*To be consistent with our core values, violent toys such as guns, swords and nerf guns will not be accepted.

Please donate only new items. Gently used clothing is accepted at YSM's Double Take Store, 310 Gerrard St. E. Toronto. Tel: 416-925-7198.

FOOD

Non-Perishable food

- Canned/dried proteins - chickpeas, bean, lentils
- Canned Fish - sardines, tuna and salmon
- Canned - tomatoes/sauce, soup and vegetables
- Peanut butter, jam, honey
- Cooking oil: canola, olive & other vegetable oils
- Bread: whole grain, gluten-free, buns
- Rice
- Pasta (including gluten-free)
- Flour, sugar
- Condiments & seasonings
- Granola bars
- Crackers
- Peanut-Free snacks
- Halal snacks
- Oatmeal
- Cereal - preferably low sugar
- Cereal (gluten-free)
- Tea & coffee
- Powdered milk
- Pet food

- Energy bars & Ensure/meal replacement drinks
- Baby cereal and baby food
- Baby formula (liquid or powdered)

Frozen meat

- Chickens
- Hams
- Turkeys
- Halal chickens & meat products

Perishable food

- Christmas cake, cookies & biscuits
- Oranges, apples, pears
- Dairy, milk, eggs, cheese and yogurt

Tax receipts: YSM issues tax receipts for financial gifts and items valued at \$200+. To qualify, proof of an item's value, such as a sales receipt, must be provided. Gift cards will be receipted at face value.

Drop off instructions: To help reduce YSM's transportation costs, we encourage donors to bring in donations to **YSM Martin Centre, 306 Gerrard St E**, Toronto. This allows us to place more resources directly into services and programs that directly impact our community members. For drop-offs, we ask that you call in advance so that we can be ready to accept the order.

In the event that pick-up is necessary, please call our main line to arrange a time. During busy periods, it may take up to 8 business days to arrange for pickup. For more information, please call **416-929-9614**.

*Due to Ontario Public Health Standards we are unable to accept homemade cakes and baked goods.
Please watch to avoid items are not past their "Best Before" dates. Thank you.

For more information on YSM's Christmas Wish List visit ysm.ca/waystogive or call 416-929-9614.