

November, 2018

Dear Friend of PACE Academy,

For many families the Holiday Season is a magical and welcomed time of year; a time where family and friends come together in celebration. Unfortunately, for many of our children and their families the Holiday Season is a very difficult time of the year. Families in Michigan experience hardships of unemployment and housing insecurity at an extremely high rate. These hardships can make celebrating the holidays near impossible for families in employment and/or housing transition.

With your support, PACE Academy becomes a "Beacon of Love" this holiday season; we will share our blessings with families in need through a series of holiday giving activities; at the same time teaching our students the importance of giving and community service. We hope you and your family will join us and be a "Beacon of Love" in the life of another this holiday season.

## BE A BEACON OF LOVE



Please share the magic of the holidays with PACE families in transition by supporting PACE Academy's "Beacon of Love" Giving Campaign! Check the boxes to indicate how you will support.

**FOOD DRIVE – NOVEMBER 5 – DECEMBER 10**

In partnership with Gleaners Food Bank, we will collect non-perishable food items to be distributed to local food bank. Our Food Drive is a classroom competition. The classroom that donates the most food to will win a Warriors Pizza Party! Donate often!



**TOY DRIVE – NOVEMBER 5 – DECEMBER 10**

New and unwrapped toys for ages 0 – 14 years old. For your convenience we've included a toy suggestion list, use it to help you shop for a toy to donate to the toy drive or for ideas when shopping for the Adopt-A-Family program.



**ADOPT-A-FAMILY**

Share your blessings with a family in need by adopting a PACE Cares family in transition. Your family will be matched with a family who is currently in transition. To participate completed the enclosed form; I will provide you with more information about the program and match you up with a family in transition.



Monetary Donation

**MAKE-A-DONATION**

So you don't have enough time to shop...A monetary donation to PACE Cares will make it possible for us to provide much needed support to our families in need. Make checks or money orders payable to PACE Cares. You will be provided with a donation letter for your records.

For your convenience, our food and toy donation bins will be strategically place throughout the building. To participate in our Adopt-A-Family or to make a monetary donation to our PACE Cares giving campaign, complete the enclosed form and return it to the main office. Thank you for supporting PACE Academy in our efforts to strengthen families. Please contact me with any questions at 248-569-1060 ext. 2117 or via email at [amullen@pacek-8.org](mailto:amullen@pacek-8.org).

Thank you for your support!

Ava Mullen, Family & Student Support Coordinator  
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## PACE CARES' BEACON OF LOVE – GIVING CAMPAIGN REGISTRATION

Yes, I would like to adopt-a-family for the Christmas Holiday.

Yes, I would like to make a monetary donation; my check/money order in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

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

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### FOOD DRIVE – NOVEMBER 5 – DECEMBER 10

#### *Suggested Non-Perishable Food Items*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Vegetables | <input type="checkbox"/> Instant Potatoes  | <input type="checkbox"/> Muffin Mix/Cornbread |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stuffing Mix      | <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Fruit      | <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Chicken       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gravy             | <input type="checkbox"/> Cranberry Sauce   | <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Tuna          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Yams       | <input type="checkbox"/> Macaroni & Cheese | <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Salmon        |

### ADOPT-A-FAMILY & TOY DRIVE GIFT SUGGESTIONS

*Toys must be new and unwrapped, no stuffed animals, no toy weapons including Nerf. Batteries of various sizes are needed.*

#### INFANT – 2 YEARS

- Elmo
- Sesame Street Character items
- Dora & Diego items
- Interactive musical/light-up toys
- Push & Pull toys
- Riding toys
- Building blocks
- Activity mats
- Educational toys
- Little People toys
- Teething rings/Rattles
- Diapers
- Pajamas

#### PRE-SCHOOL GIRLS

- Character items (Princesses, Dora, Diego)
- Little People & Accessories
- Leapfrog/V-tech educational toys
- Dress-up/imaginary play toys
- Fur Real Friends
- Dolls

#### PRE-SCHOOL BOYS

- Character items (Princesses, Dora, Diego)
- Little People & Accessories
- Leapfrog/V-tech educational toys
- Bob the Builder toys
- Mega Blocks
- Trains, trucks, cars

#### 5 – 7 YEAR OLD GIRLS

- My Little Pony & accessories
- Littlest Pet Shop
- Scooter & helmet
- Barbie, Disney Princess, Polly Pocket dolls/LOL dolls
- Hatchimals
- Jewelry craft kits

- Board games
- Lego sets

#### 5 – 7 YEAR OLD BOYS

- Action figures (Marvel and DC)
- Remote control cars, etc.
- Sporting equipment (baseball gloves, bats, hockey sticks, nets and balls)
- Lego sets
- Jurassic Park toys
- Skateboards/scooters with helmets
- Board games
- Matchbox/Hot Wheels sets

#### 8 – 12 YEAR OLD GIRLS

- Purses/totes
- Bath & body lotions and soaps
- MP3 players and headphones
- Unicorn items
- Craft kits
- Jewelry/watches
- Skateboard/Scooter & helmet
- Jewelry craft kits
- Board games
- Lego sets

#### 8 – 12 YEAR OLD BOYS

- Remote control cars, etc
- Battery operated hand held games
- MP3 players and headphones
- Robots
- Magic Kits & cards
- Watches
- Skateboard/Scooter & helmet
- Footballs, basketballs, soccer balls
- SkeeBall
- Drones

- Board games
- Lego sets

#### TEENAGE GIRLS

- Teen games (Electronic Catchphrase Game, Taboo, What do you Meme, Speak Out Game, Would you Rather)
- Selfie Stick
- Journals
- Polaroid camera
- Curling Iron/blow dryer/hair straightener
- Makeup bags
- Makeup/makeup sets/nail polish
- Jewelry/watches
- Purses/totes
- Bath & body lotions and soaps
- MP3 players and headphones
- Sequin pillows

#### TEENAGE BOYS

- Codenames board games
- Pandemic board games
- Battery operated hand held games
- MP3 players and headphones
- Phone Chargers
- Remote Control cars, etc.
- Teen board games (Taboo, Loaded Questions, The Awkward Storyteller, Word on the Street, Risk)
- Speakers
- Watches
- Cologne/body wash
- Footballs, basketballs, soccer balls

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