



Wish List

About the Albert J. Solnit Children's Center

As a facility of the Connecticut Department of Youth and Families, the Albert J. Solnit Children's Center provides brief treatment, residential care and educational instruction for abused and neglected youth between the ages of 13 and 17. Youth come to the facility from all over the state. The Albert J. Solnit Children's Center, formerly known as the CT Children's Place and State Receiving Home, began as an orphanage in the 1880's and is the only facility of its kind in Connecticut.

About the Youth

- Approximately 38 youth; all boys.
- Most are 13 to 17 years old; average age is 16.
- Many wear large clothes: Adult sizes L, XL or XXL.
- Most youth stay about three months.
- About 150 youth stay at the facility each year.

About Donations (please, new items only)

- Donations from individuals, community organizations and businesses play an important part in meeting the growing needs of our youth.
- Donations are tax deductible. (Internal Revenue Services Codes, Sec. 170)
- Donations should NOT be gift-wrapped.
- Holiday gifts are most helpful if received by Dec. 15.
- Donations may be brought to the facility anytime, seven days a week.
- Cash donations may be made to the Albert J Solnit Center -North Campus, Trustee Account (Info on back of page.)
- Donations should be dropped off at the East Windsor location noted below
- For information, please contact our receptionist at 860-292-4000

Please do not include items that contain alcohol, sharps, glass or aerosol containers

Youth Wish List

Childhood Memory Makers

- Monthly day planners
- Address books, calendars (wall hanging)
- Scrap books
- Photo albums, photo frames

Art Materials

- Craft project books & kits
- Acrylic paint and brushes
- Drawing paper
- Construction paper
- Fluorescent 8 1/2 x 11 printer paper
- Markers, gel pens
- Gift cards to Michael's Craft store
- Gimp (plastic string)
- Clay for sculpting
- Clay for baking

- Gift Cards** - iTunes, Target, Dick's Sporting Goods, Game Stop, Wal-Mart, Best Buy and Barnes & Noble.

Books

- Fiction and nonfiction; easy reader to best sellers
- Books for teens by African American /Latino authors
- Bilingual books in Spanish and English
- Books from popular series
- Picture books about animals, sports or music
- How-to-draw books and craft project books (knit and crochet)
- Poetry books [primary/secondary]
- Biographies, including persons of color and women
- Kindle with case
- Chicken Soup books; self-help books for teens
- Back packs
- Magazine subscriptions
- Gift cards for Barnes & Noble

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Entertainment/ Music

- CD Radio with batteries
- MP3 players - no recording or photography features
- Ear buds/ head phones
- CDs, current artists (please, no lyrics marked with "Parental Advisory" notice.)
- DVD's (**rated G, PG or PG-13**)
- Workout DVDs (yoga, pilates, strengthening...)
- Certificates to restaurants, movies, theater shows, sporting event tickets
- Musical Instruments: drums, keyboards...

Clothing

- Jeans and belts
- Bath robes, pajama pants, slippers
- NIKE Elite socks
- Clothes with sports team logos/ jerseys
- Sweatshirts or hoodies, sweatpants & T-shirts, (adult sizes L, XL, XXL)
- Fleece or knit hats, winter gloves
- Gift certificates for clothing and sneakers
- Baseball hats with logo - snap back

Health & Beauty (Non Aerosol products only)

- Colognes, after shaves for young men
- Hygiene supplies for young men
- Shampoo, conditioner, gels, hair spray, hair dryers
- Chap Stick
- Personal towels/wash cloths

Accessories

- Watches, costume jewelry
- Wallets
- Alarm clocks

Computers / Software

- Wii systems and games (**rated E for Everyone**)
- Wii, PS2 and PS3 games (**rated E**)
- Nintendo DS - games (**rated E**)

Sports

- Bicycles and helmets
- Fishing poles and gear
- Knee, wrist & elbow guards and pads
- Sports equipment: basketballs, pool cues, ping-pong paddles, footballs, soccer balls, etc.
- Tennis equipment
- Bocce, croquet, horseshoes
- Sports water bottles
- Yoga mats
- Gym bags

Toys

- Remote control cars & trucks
- Hand-held electronic games or DS games
- Lego kits (for older youth)
- Model car kits
- Craft kits
- Games: UNO, Boggle, Sorry, Monopoly, Cranium, decks of cards and card games
- Puzzles (under 1000 pieces)
- Word Search, Sudoku, Hidden Pictures
- Batteries – all sizes

Bedding

- Pillows, twin size sheets and comforters or comforter sets, blankets
- Wall Posters - cars, sports themes
- Gaming or bean bag chairs

Special Projects

Contribute to the Children's Trustee Fund

Donations to this fund are used solely for the benefit of the youth at the Solnit Children's Center for activities, supplies or equipment which the State of Connecticut's funds do not provide; for example field trips, excursions to the movies, or birthday parties. Checks may be made payable to the Albert J Solnit Center - North Campus and in the memo: Trustee Account, sent to the address below.

Stock the Birthday Wish List

The Birthday Store at the Solnit Children's Center helps to celebrate the almost 150 birthdays we have each year. Youth submit a wish list and it is filled through this "store". The donations from people just like yourself help to make their birthday a special day for each child.

Make some "Welcome Bags"

Sew some simple cloth bags (approx. 14x20" with a drawstring on one side). Stuff them with supplies to give to the youth on first arrival. Add basic toiletries and a stuffed animal to ease the youth's transition to our facility. Bags are needed in an assortment of fabrics suitable for boys ages 13 - 17. Items can include: toothbrush & travel case, toothpaste, wash cloth, soap & travel soap dish, "hotel" size or regular size shampoo & conditioner, comb & brush, small stuffed animal.

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