



## Annual Toy Drive Collection Guidelines

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Thank you for stepping forward to acknowledge and recognize our American military children with gifts of appreciation this holiday season! Please closely review these guidelines to ensure a successful collection drive for everyone involved!

### Giftng Guidelines:

- M.C.C. accepts only **NEW** toys and gifts for our military children. M.C.C. will not accept used or even slightly used items. All toys and gifts must be donated with the tag attached.
- Please do not donate recycled stuffed animals.
- Please do not wrap any of the gifts; all items must be received **UNWRAPPED**. If they are wrapped, our volunteers have to un-wrap them before delivery to the U.S. military families.
- Please plan to deliver what you have collected to **Orange County Windustrial**. M.C.C. **does not pick up the gifts collected**. It is your responsibility to get them to OC Windustrial and we ask that you work out arrangements in advance on how and when you will drop donations off to meet the deadline before you begin collecting.
- Please do not donate any perishable items, candy or combat toys.
- Please mail all gift cards directly to M.C.C.'s Headquarters, do not drop gift cards off with the in-kind donations at OC Windustrial.
- To receive a donor receipt, please provide your name and complete contact information when dropping off your donation at Orange County Windustrial. (The employees have an M.C.C. donation form.)
- When shopping, please remember the teenagers. The teens may be overlooked at the holidays.
- Please don't forget the babies either, gifts for newborns to 1 year olds are often overlooked as well.
- M.C.C. always needs wrapping paper for the military programs to wrap the children's gifts once received. New Gift Bags and tissue paper work too. Also, we will accept new ribbon, bows, ornaments, keepsake items, stockings (or stocking stuffer items,) holiday decorations for the family day events, faux trees, coloring books, crayons or other activities for the children to utilize during the military family days.
- Although our toy collection deadline is set, please return the gifts to M.C.C. as soon as possible! If you have them ready, please do not wait until the deadline, the sooner the better to allow time to turn them around for our military children.
- Every year M.C.C. receives toys after the deadline. This does not allow the family program officers enough time to distribute the gifts.
- Each year M.C.C. distributes a limited number of gift wrapped collection boxes on a first-come first-serve basis. If your organization is able to procure and decorate your own collection box this is greatly appreciated. M.C.C. can mail you the sign for the front of your collection box with all of the detailed toy drive information. Please contact M.C.C. with your mailing address.

**Toy and Gift Suggestions:** A few brands which are typically a safe choice are: Legos, Barbie, Disney Toys, Baby Einstein, Hot Wheels, Fisher Price, Little Tykes, Star Wars, Dora the Explorer, Thomas & Friends, Sesame Street, Crayola, Hello Kitty, My Little Pony, Cabbage Patch, etc. (*No endorsement of any of the previous listed brands is implied.*) Also, sporting goods items, such as footballs, volleyballs and soccer balls. Also, Children's Play Tents, Children's Bicycles, Helmets, Safety Gear, Teen Make-Up Cases, Make Up, Hair Accessories and books for children/teens of all ages! Board Games, Electronics and Video Games are okay, but they must be rated "E" for Everyone or "T for Teen. When giving music CDs, no explicit lyrics please and DVDs must be rated "G" or "PG", not "PG-13". Books, Journals, Diaries, Art Accessories, Scrap Books and Accessories, Craft Sets, Model Kits and Paint Sets (i.e. Hobby Shops), Tool Sets, Tool Boxes, Bath & Body Works, Teen Make-Up Cases, Make Up, Hair Accessories and Burt's Bees Gift Sets are all good gifts for teenagers.