

# AWP Holiday Gift Policy

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*Valid Nov. 1 – Jan 1*

Thank you so much for making a holiday donation to AWP. This is a particularly busy time of year for us, so we ask our generous donors to take special consideration of our holiday donation policy to help minimize the chaos and maximize the impact of your gift!

- **Important: if you have a large donation (i.e. any donation it takes more than 1 passenger vehicle to transport) you must call ahead before dropping off your donation.** We have a small team and a VERY generous community, and we can very easily be overwhelmed at holiday time, so we have to be sure we have enough staff and volunteers to help us with intake on your donation.

## What to Donate

Our wishlist page is updated on a bi-weekly basis and is always the best place to find our specific needs. In addition to items listed on our wishlist, here are a few special items you might consider donating:

- Holiday foods (canned)
- Holiday foods (dry goods)
- Gift Cards to “big box stores” such as Target, Walmart, etc..
  - It is so, so important to our clients that they are able to pick out their own gifts for their children for the holidays. In addition, gift cards to big box stores like that double as ways to allow clients to purchase essential items like groceries. Please no larger denominations than \$25 if it can be helped

## What NOT to Donate

There are a few items we cannot accept. Sometimes this is a matter of policy, but more often it is a matter of our limited storage capacity and only being able to accept items for which we have a current need.

- Please do NOT bring refrigerated items or prepared food or opened food items.
- We cannot accept any used bedding or towels – new and gently used clothing can be donated to our thrift store. The only bedding we can accept is new with tags.
- For children’s items, we cannot accept used stuffed animals or fabric toys. Plastic, wooden, etc.. toys are fine, but please be sure they are clean and ready-to-play-with before you drop them off.
- Please call ahead for larger items like strollers, furniture, or electronics. We cannot guarantee that we can accept these items, so please call ahead to avoid frustration.

## Where, When, and How to Donate:

- All clothing donations (unless they are clothing items specifically requested on our Wish List, e.g. new adult pajamas) need to be taken to In Full Swing, our thrift store. Located at 225 W. State St. Doylestown, all of our clients and their families shop for free at In Full Swing and 100% of proceeds from community sales come back to AWP, so no matter what, your donation benefits our clients. In Full Swing is open 7 days a week, 10-6 Mon.-Sat and 12-5 on Sunday.
- All other donations can be brought to our Administrative office. We are located at 1283 Almshouse Road BLDG S and donations can be dropped off between 9am and 5pm during business hours. Unfortunately, AWP cannot pick up donations.
- Finally, when dropping off donations to our admin office, in order to make things easier on our staff and volunteers, please separate donations into different containers by the following three categories:
  - Gift cards or cash
  - Food items
  - Nonfood items