



Asian Pacific Women's Center

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HOLIDAY WISH LIST

APWC's 18-24 month domestic violence transitional shelter serves as the second step domestic violence survivors take (emergency shelter is the first step) on their road to establishing self-sufficiency, permanent housing, financial security, and independence. APWC serves homeless, battered, non-English speaking women and their children from underserved Asian Pacific Islander and other immigrant communities who are unable to reach out to mainstream services. APWC shelter can serve 24 individuals at any given time.

APWC supports healthy family relationships and increased social support by stressing education, cultural enrichment, civic responsibility, healthy living, and recreation. As the holidays come around, we understand the pressures that clients face during the biggest shopping season of the year, especially for clients with children. Therefore we are seeking for your support to fulfill their holiday wishes.

First of all, APWC families' holiday wishes are to be able to afford their basic needs of food, clothing, home supplies, and emergency items. Many of our clients rely on food stamps so they can always benefit from gift certificates to grocery stores like Food-for-Less, Vons, or Ralphs. Gift certificates to Rite-Aid or Sav-On are also useful in helping clients meet their prescription or medicinal needs. The women need to have business attire as they re-enter or enter the workforce while their growing children need to purchase school clothes, uniforms, and shoes, so gift certificates to stores such as Ross or Marshall can help greatly. Moreover, Target gift certificates can help clients buy school supplies, small kitchen items, bathroom toiletries, bedding, household cleaning supplies, and baby diapers.

In addition to food and clothing as basic necessities, calling cards can also be a necessity when clients do not have home phones and may need to make emergency phone calls.

APWC also supports life-long learning. Certificates to bookstores can help clients purchase children's books, reference books, dictionaries, ESL books, and other reading materials to increase literacy and writing skills. In the technological age, clients need to stay computer literate to stay competitive within the workforce which is why donations of used but good working computers are always welcome. Children need computers as well to write reports and conduct internet research for classes.

Another wonderful holiday donation to our clients would be tickets or season passes to museums or concerts that can stimulate the mind and spark new interests. Some places can include the L.A. Zoo, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Getty Museum, Museum of Tolerance, Ahmanson Theater, Music Center, Hollywood Bowl, Aquarium of the Pacific, Pantages Theatre, California Science Center, or Descanso Gardens to name a few.

APWC encourages healthy living, and in the past, clients were thrilled to get donations of bicycles that allowed them to enjoy the outdoors while getting much needed exercise. Children are also happy to receive soccer balls, basketballs, and badminton or tennis rackets. APWC understands that toys can be a fun learning tool, which is why we recommend toys or educational material from the Lakeshore Learning Center.

To bring clients together in a festive and jovial manner during this holiday season, APWC would appreciate immensely a monetary donation (\$500) to sponsor APWC Thanksgiving and/or Christmas dinner for clients so that they can take a small break from their busy and stressful lives to eat a wonderful meal with family, friends, and APWC staff and volunteers.

Once again, thank you so much for supporting APWC and reviewing our holiday wishes. Please feel free to contact us at 213-250-2977 if you have any additional questions after reviewing this letter. Look forward to hearing from you soon.