

The holidays are quickly approaching! We have several ways for companies, individuals, and families to get involved this season. Here's how you can be a United Way of Central Maryland Holiday Helper! this year:

## **Support a Family**

There are more than 200 families available to support by individuals, groups, or workplace teams. You'll receive wish lists for each member of the family and purchase gifts that will bring smiles to faces of all ages.

Register here to participate in this program.

### **Virtual Holiday Stories**

Help bring holiday fun to local children by reading a holidaythemed story that we'll add to our YouTube playlist. To complete this project, you will need a book about St. Nicholas, Christmas, Hannukah, Kwanzaa, Los Posadas, Diwali, or the December holiday you practice. Make sure the book is suitable for children. Record the video on your phone and submit it!

Register here for more detailed information.

### **Amazon Registry**

Choose a toy from the Amazon registry to help support a family in one of our 3 neighborhood zones. Parents in our programming will be invited to choose some of these toys to bring joy to their kids during the holiday season.

### Visit the Amazon registry here.

## Holiday Cards for Those Experiencing Homelessness

Imagine not having a permanent place to call home for the holidays. Brighten the day of individuals facing homelessness by making holiday cards.

# Register here for ideas on how to make the cards and where to send them.

## **Toiletry Stockings**

Sometimes people find themselves in a shelter over the holidays. Give them some holiday spirit by filling a small stocking with much-needed toiletry items.

Register here to participate.

# Purchase a Mission Possible Kit (Holiday Version)

United Way's Mission Possible boxes include five holiday-themed projects for your child to complete, each one focused on philanthropy and the spirit of giving back. You can purchase one for your own child, a child in your life, or a child in our programming. All proceeds go to our Digital Equity fund.

### Go here to purchase a kit.

### Donate

Your gift can make a difference for a family in need this holiday season. Imagine being a child and waking up without a gift, or having the holidays pass without a warm meal. This is the reality for so many, but your gift ensures that families involved in our housing programs are gifted the clothes, books, and other items they need to truly celebrate the holiday season.

Donate here.



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