

**Haven of Hope, Inc.**  
*Annual Spirit of Giving Celebration*



Dear Friends:

With the holidays right around the corner, we at Haven of Hope are once again reaching out to those in our community to ensure that this holiday season is a memorable one for our children. As a non-profit organization established in 1998, Haven of Hope provides residential care for foster youth who have entered the Social Service system as a result of abuse or neglect. Our staff and residences provide a safe, home-like environment for twelve girls, ages 12 through 18. It is our hope that, with your help, we can give them the Christmas that many of them have only dreamed of.

It's been a wonderful year watching our youth grow and experience so many successes and, as their caregivers, it is quite amazing to be able to have a front row seat as they accomplish things they never imagined were possible. It is also quite humbling to witness their joy at things that many of us take for granted, like experiencing a beach bonfire for the first time, participating in school sports, obtaining Honor-Roll, graduating, securing employment, and preparing for college. For some of our children, the majority of their holidays passed like any other ordinary day, but with your help, we can make this holiday season meaningful, memorable and magical for them.

Please accept our invitation to make a difference this Christmas by participating in our **"Adopt a Child for Christmas"** program. The following pages are the wish lists for our amazing young ladies. Your help and donations enable us to do so much more for our children at Christmas and throughout the year. You can participate simply by purchasing a gift from our wish list, mailing in a tax-deductible donation or using the PayPal feature on our website. We will gladly provide you with a receipt for your records. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

You are also invited to join us on **Tuesday, December 16, from 5:30pm to 7:00pm at 2769 Valencia Road in Aptos**, as we present the children with their gifts from you and thank those who have generously donated.

Happy Holidays,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Davina Polanco".

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Hi, my name is RW and I am 13 years old. I love using electronics and reading. I'm currently reading "The House of Nights". I have always wanted to do ballet and hip-hop dancing and singing! What I would like for Christmas is a karaoke machine so I can practice singing and an iPod so I can listen to music. I like the movie Despicable Me and would love a stuffed toy minion from the movie! I really like doing make-up and would love some new make-up or a gift card to Target so I can pick some out. This Christmas I would also love a pair of Uggs, size 9.5... the brown pair with the buttons on the side! Thanks so much for reading and anything you get me would be greatly appreciated!

Hi, my name is AB and I am 16 years old. I have been at Haven of Hope for about a year and a half, and I have met a lot of amazing and loving people in my time here! In my free time I love to try new things with my hair and make-up, and would love a gift card to Sally's or Delta Beauty Supplies! I love shopping. It's definitely a hobby and at times a coping skill, hehe. Some of my favorite places to shop are Forever 21, Wet Seal, Rue 21, Shoe Palace, and Kurios. Since winter is almost here, I would also love Ugg or Bear Claw Boots, size 6.5. Some of my other favorite things are Hello Kitty, San José Sharks, the 49ers, make-up, fashion, shoes, perfumes, and purses! Thanks so much for reading this and helping make my Christmas special!

Hello, my name is DM. I am originally from Watsonville, not far from Haven of Hope. I would like to thank everyone who is helping us to have an awesome and enjoyable Christmas, and hope you do too! Some things about me is that I love listening to music and so this year for Christmas I would love to get an iPod. Also on my wish list is a pair of Uggs (size 8) because they are so comfy and would keep my feet warm, and a camera because I love taking pictures of my family and myself. I also like to shop at Target, Forever 21, and Wet Seal. These are my deep desires but know that I will truly appreciate anything I get this year! Thanks for taking the time to read my letter and I hope you have an awesome holiday!

Hi, my name is KE! I am glad you got my letter because that means you've been kind enough to help those in need and want to help make our Christmas a special one, so thank you! While it has been a difficult year for me, and is hard to spend the holidays without my family, I prefer to focus on the positive things. I consider myself an artsy type of person and love painting, drawing, and photography. For Christmas, I would love anything to continue with these hobbies (polymer clay, painting paper, Fuji film instax in blue, pink, or white). Some of my other wishes are to get a lava lamp, photo cube portable printer, necklaces or gift cards. My deepest wish is for an iPod Touch or a tablet. Thanks and Happy Holidays!

Hi, my name is EP. I am 15 years old and originally from Ukiah. I haven't been at Haven of Hope long but so far I am doing well here and like it! I enjoy cooking, shopping and music. This year for Christmas I would love an iPod shuffle and would be super appreciative if I got one! I would also appreciate gift cards to Foot Locker and Target. I like doing my hair and would love a hair straightener. I like the 49ers and would love a blanket and sweater if possible, size Large. Thanks for taking the time to read this letter. I hope you have a good Christmas and day!

Hello, my name is RZ and I am 16 years old. I live in Aptos at Abeona House with 5 other girls and am doing well here. I enjoy skateboarding and would love to get a skateboard for Christmas. I love the Raiders and would love to rock a Raiders sweater, socks or snapback hat!





I enjoy doing my hair and would like hair extensions, a straightener or new curling iron. I like to shop and could use some new clothes and shoes (shoe size 8.5, pant size 16, shirt size XL) and I particularly like vans and converse. My dream is for gift cards, an iPod touch, laptop, or tablet. Thanks so much and God Bless!

Hi, my name is RG and I am 13! Some things to know about me are that I love the color Turquoise, cheetah print, and music, especially rap. I also love to draw! Drawing is a big part of my life and I would love a book that helps teach and improve my drawing skills (specifically to draw old cars!), or any art supplies to continue drawing. I would also really love a pair of grey Uggs this Christmas, size 7. Since I like listening to music I would also love an iPod! Thanks and happy holidays!

Hi, my name is EB and I am 15! Some things to know about me are that I love heavy metal, anime, and Doctor Who! I love to expand my mind and imagination and I love to do that by drawing and writing music. My dream would be to have an electric guitar and amp so that I can keep practicing music. I have an alternative clothing style and enjoy shopping at Hot Topic to find stuff that suits me. What I would really love for Christmas is black platform combat boots (almost knee height!) in a size 10! Thanks!

Hello, my name is MC and I am 13 years old. I love playing volleyball and have played for almost 10 years. For Christmas I would love a new volleyball so I can keep practicing and playing. I also love kickboxing and have done that for almost 7 years! It would be great to get a pair of kickboxing gloves this Christmas too! I love listening to music and taking pictures so I would love an iPod, one that can also take pictures. I have wanted Uggs all my life so it would be awesome to get some this year, size 8. Lastly, I enjoy going to Starbucks and it would be fun to have gift cards so I can go there! Thanks so much!

Hi, my name is AG and I am 15 years old. I am a resident at Haven of Hope and have been working hard to make each day a positive one! I am very engaged in every sport such as gymnastics, water polo, wrestling and running. I love taking photos and am always posting my creative photos online. One thing I would love for Christmas is a waterproof iPhone 4S case so that I can take fun underwater photos. I am also into fashion and like to shop at places such as Urban Outfitters, Pac Sun and Victoria Secret Pink. Living here in the Santa Cruz area has reunited me with the beach and a rather fun lifestyle. I've become interested in surfing and skateboarding, although I don't own either and would someday like to! My goals for the future are to stay optimistic, keep up my straight A's, and to get my permit soon! Thanks for taking the time to read about me!

Hello, my name is AW and I am 17. My favorite colors are burgundy and black and my favorite animal is a jellyfish! I'm a bit of an introvert and sometimes prefer to relax with music and books. I especially love young adult literature and books pertaining to philosophy or psychology. I also really like fashion and looking good so I would love a pair of Doc Martins, size 7. I also like doing my hair and would love a hair wand so that I don't have to borrow my roommates. I like alternative music and I play several instruments, but my favorite is the drums...it's my passion. For Christmas I would really love an iPod so I can keep enjoying my musical passions. Hmm, what else can I share about myself... I actually aspire to be an author



someday! My biggest goal however is to just be a good person like I am sure you all are, considering your doing this for us! I appreciate it so much and wish you a happy holiday!

Hello! My name is YMJ and I am 18. In my free time I love to do make-up, both my own as well as others. I also enjoy cooking, listening to music, writing lyrics, and singing. I like the Oakland Raiders, the LA Lakers, the Chicago Bulls, as well as the A's and Giants. I have a fun, flashy style and like to rock big purses, bows and flowers in my curly hair (my favorite colors are yellow and light purple), and rings and earrings. I love to shop at Ross, Lids, Foot Locker, and any store with fun fashion. This year for Christmas I would love a laptop as I will be moving out to adult transitional housing soon and will need one for college. In all honesty, anything you would be able to get me would be loved and appreciated! Thank you and God bless!



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*Adopt a Child for Christmas*



Yes, Haven of Hope can count on me!!

I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.  
Gift Child

I am not able to purchase a gift at this time, please accept my donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ toward Haven of Hope's children's needs. Please make checks payable to Haven of Hope. Haven of Hope is a non-profit 501 (C-3) organization, and will provide you with a tax-deductible receipt for your records. You can also donate via PayPal on our website at [www.havenofhopehomes.org](http://www.havenofhopehomes.org). Thank you for your generous gift!

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