



Dear Youth and Families,

The Doorway is truly grateful for your participation in 'Youth Helping Youth'. Your attention and action last year meant The Doorway's Christmas was 100% community delivered. It was a care that was felt and appreciated by all our youth at their Christmas celebration.

When a youth first comes to The Doorway, they do not have a consistent and steady place to sleep or call home. The Doorway supports young people in sorting out what they can and need to do in order to feel successful and happy. One goal at a time, youth plan their education, employment, housing, health/fitness, friendships/family relationships and much more. The complex background behind each youth demands independence and strength and often means they grow up quick, and do not experience true youthhood.

Christmas is one time a year we have opportunities to make them feel special and young again. Each young person is asked for a \$25 gift request. Sadly for some this feels uncomfortable and undeserved. We try our best to create the best celebration possible for them with good food, Christmas baking, people who care and the gift they wanted.

We are asking for your support in collecting their favorite or most needed items and for donations to purchase gifts and food for the big day! You will find our wish list at the bottom of this letter, brand new items can be given as Christmas gifts, gently used items will be distributed over the winter months. We encourage you to send any questions to kaitlin@thedoorway.ca or call 403-269-6658. Items will be collected in school and delivered to The Doorway at our Open House on Sunday December 16. We invite you to join us on this day, meet our community and learn more about the opportunity we provide young people.

An online donation page has been created for donations - www.thedoorway.ca/christmas. All online donations will receive a 2018 tax receipt. Alternatively, the school will be collecting cash donations.

Appreciation from all of us,

The Doorway

WISH LIST

Clothing:

- Hoodies, t-shirts, tank tops, long sleeved shirts, jeans, leggings, sweat pants, boxers, bras, underwear, socks.

Hygiene Supplies:

- shampoo, conditioner, body wash, hair products, hair brushes, deodorant, tooth brush/paste, lip chap

Winter Apparel:

- boots, jackets, gloves, toques, scarves

Extras:

- head phones, phone chargers, journals, day planners, art supplies, backpacks, purses, make-up, transit tickets

Gift Cards:

- Grocery stores, gas stations, Walmart, Tim Horton's, Subway, McDonalds, Shopping Malls, Marks Work Warehouse, Great clips



Gift wrapping, baking drop off, and an opportunity to learn more about The Doorway

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