



Dear Friend of Don Bosco,

October 2016

For years the Don Bosco Centers have facilitated the Holiday Friends program, providing holiday cheer to many of the people we serve. As you may know, many of our Seniors and English as a Second Language School students and their families are living at or below the poverty level which means that the holidays often create an additional financial and emotional burden.

Our staff has been meeting with the people we serve in order to identify their needs and wishes for the holidays. We find that our seniors and student families share similar basic needs: personal hygiene items, warm blankets, paper goods/cleaning supplies, and warm socks, hats, and gloves, to name a few. We focus the Holiday Friends program on these essentials.

We ask that you thoughtfully consider participation in the Don Bosco Holiday Friends program. Your volunteer time, purchase of gifts, or a monetary donation enrich the lives of our Seniors, English students, and their families. We recognize that you have many choices about where you can contribute during this holiday season and we assure you that every dollar or gift that you donate directly benefits our seniors and student families. We hope that you will join us in spreading a bit of holiday cheer!

We invite you to participate in any combination of the following ways:

- 1) Participate in the Holiday Friends match program where you will be matched with a Don Bosco senior's "wish list" and shop for the specific items on that list.
- 2) Shop for gifts from a general list of suggested senior items.
- 3) Shop for gifts from a general list of suggested English Language School children and family items.
- 4) Consider providing a financial donation. Don Bosco will use the money to purchase wish list items or provide gift cards for our clients.
- 5) Volunteer to help during the month of December as one of "Santa's Helpers." You or your group are invited to provide assistance with preparations and activities on certain week days and several Saturdays throughout the holidays.

We have included a Holiday Friends registration form with additional information for your review. Simply complete and return the form to Andrea by e-mail (adutt@donbosco.org) or via postal mail (580 Campbell Ave. KCMO 64106) and we will follow up with more details within a week. You may also visit the Don Bosco website for further information:

<http://donbosco.org/holiday-friends/>.

Thank you for considering joining us as a Holiday Friend!

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