



FIND JOY IN GIVING.

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Santa's Workshop

YMCA Van Buren Center
December 16-24

The Van Buren Center is an emergency shelter that provides a safe place for individuals and families in our community experiencing a homeless crisis to stay and offers low-barrier access to shelter and onsite resources. On average, the Van Buren Center provides shelter and services to 600 individuals and families daily.

What is Santa's Workshop?

Each year, the Van Buren Center provides families with a special holiday experience, made possible by the generous support of our volunteers and community who donate to the workshop. Volunteers help parents pick out unique gifts for their children in our winter wonderland while helping to wrap each gift with care and love. To make this event possible each year, we rely on the support of our community to provide toys for the workshop as well as volunteers.



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Holiday Volunteer & Donation Opportunities

Ways to Give Hope Everyday This Holiday Season

Volunteer

- Volunteer at Van Buren in our Santa's Workshop to help families make the holidays brighter, helping us make the holidays special for our guests.
- Gather your friends and family and sign up to help serve a meal to our guests.
- Email or text your network to encourage them to donate and volunteer this season with us by sharing our Amazon & Target Wish Lists and volunteer opportunities.

Donate

- Provide new and unwrapped toys for our Santa's Workshop.
- Donate a meal for our guests at Van Buren or beverages, desserts, side dishes, or paper products for one of our holiday meals.
- Coordinate a coat drive for new and gently used adult winter coats or for much-needed donations at Van Buren.

To learn more about how to get involved, scan the code or email vbvolunteer@ymcacolumbus.org.



YMCA VAN BUREN CENTER
SHELTER SERVICES



TOY DRIVE

YMCA Van Buren Center
November 11-December 16



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Currently, there are over 200 children in shelter at Van Buren Center. Our goal this year is to collect enough toys that each child can receive at least 5 special gifts each.

**1,000
Toys
Needed**

Infants & Toddlers 0-3 years old

- Stuffed animals • Plastic rattles/teethers • Bottles/Pacifiers
- Musical/Light up toys • Fisher Price sets • Cause/Effect toys

Pre-School 4-5 years old

- Playdoh • Hot Wheels tracks • Fisher Price Little People sets
- Disney Princess toys • Paw Patrol • Dinosaurs • Magna Tiles
- Baby dolls • Lego sets • Superhero toys • Boardgames

School-Aged 6-9 years old

- LOL dolls • Super Mario toys • Art supplies or craft kits • STEAM activity kits • BLUME dolls
- Roblox • Monster Trucks • Action figures (Spiderman/Batman) • Legos sets • Handheld sensory toys

School-Aged 10-12 years old

- Minecraft • Small animal/doll set • Remote control vehicles/animals • Lego sets • Slime kits
- Boardgames • Kinetic Sand • Scooters • Basketballs • Footballs • Fidget toys • Art/craft kits
- Handheld sensory toys • Karaoke singing microphone

Teens 13-19 years old

- Art/craft supplies • Gift cards • Journals/sketchbooks • Skateboards • Cologne • Perfume
- Make-up/nail polish • Handbags/purses • Boardgames • Earbuds/headphones
- Sports memorabilia • Jewelry • Watches

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