

# 2023 CCSS Annual Christmas Store

## Donor Instructions

You Are the Heartbeat of Our Christmas Store and are needed to support our 16th annual Christmas Store serving 600+ children of Cass Community Social Services. Your donation provides warm clothing, essentials, and gifts that spread joy.



- **Sun, Dec 17th we set up and Mon, Dec 18th we run the store!**
- Provides parents/caregivers choices of selecting essentials and toys
- The power and privilege of parents choosing their gifts for Christmas is in the true spirit of Christmas.



- Why our Christmas store is different? Donors and volunteers are the helpers – and the parents enjoy the privilege of “shopping” for their children – choosing new (only) and unwrapped gifts for **children birth – 18 years of age.**
- Donor Guidance: buy a set for a child as if they were your own (clothes and toys) OR hit the sales and buy in bulk – **All sizes are needed- birth to up to Adult XXL+**
- Groups who want to do bulk donations please email [cassvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:cassvolunteers@gmail.com) to collaborate together



- Stock the Store:** CCSS World Building 11745 Rosa Parks Blvd Detroit MI 48206
- **You Shop:** and ship or deliver your items or **Shop** [Target Wish List](#) or [Amazon wish list](#)
  - **You Donate & We Shop:** Venmo: @Amy-Bouque or Tax deductible at [Cass Community Social Services](#) (direct to “Christmas Store”)
  - **Deliver by Friday Dec 15<sup>th</sup>;** call [313.883.CCSS](tel:313.883.CCSS) ext 203 to arrange delivery

## Donors: What the Children Need

The goal is to provide each parent the opportunity to choose a new winter coat, boots, hat and mittens, an outfit including underwear and socks and a fun toy/gift for each child in their care.



### Essential Clothing

- Boots, winter coats, hats and mittens
- Sweaters/sweatshirts
- Jeans/leggings/sweatpants
- Underwear and socks (feel free to buy bulk and we will split packages for parents)



### Toy/Gift

- Dolls and babies – black/brown skin tones
- Small, portable toys of all ages like lego sets, cars
- Basketballs and footballs
- Teenager gifts – purses, jewelry and gym bags

# 2023 CCSS Annual Christmas Store Volunteer Instructions

If donors are the heartbeat of the Christmas Store, Volunteers are the hands and feet! Over 150 Volunteers are needed to set up and run the Christmas Store. Roles range from stocking shelves, running carts, assisting shoppers, caring for children while parents shop and cleanup! [Volunteer Sign Up](#) is live and fills up quick - Don't delay!

## Store Set Up

Sunday Dec 17  
2 pm – 5 pm



## Store – 3 shifts + Cleanup

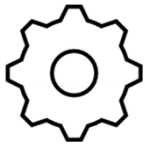
Monday Dec 18  
9:45 am – 7:30 pm

## Store and Donation location:

CCSS World Building  
11745 Rosa Parks Blvd.  
Detroit MI 48206

## Additional store needs:

- Black contractor garbage bags
- Rolls of wrapping paper
- Cookies to delight shoppers, their kids and the volunteers



## Direct questions:

Amy Bouque:

[Cassvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:Cassvolunteers@gmail.com)

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or call 313.883.CCSS ext 203

## The Details:

### About Cass Community Social Services:

Cass Community Social Services is a Detroit-based agency with a person-centered philosophy, dedicated to providing food, housing, health/mental health services, and job programs in areas of concentrated poverty. Learn more: <https://casscommunity.org/>

### Fine Print:

- Additional volunteer instructions will be sent by Sat, Dec 16.
- All volunteers must be comfortable with organized chaos, filled with generosity and agility and ready to make a meaningful impact on the lives of 600+ children and their grateful parents
- Sunday: All ages of volunteers are welcome
- Monday volunteers are age restricted to create the ideal store experience
- Volunteers are welcome to bring their donations with them on Sun/Mon
- Gently worn items and wonderful volunteers are needed throughout the year; email Sue Pethoud to learn more: [Spethoud@casscommunity.org](mailto:Spethoud@casscommunity.org)