



Holiday Helper Program 2011

The Holiday Helper Program is sponsored by Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery. The program supports families who access Nursery services during the winter season of giving. Gifts received from the Holiday Helper Program are distributed to families based on their specific needs and what has been donated. Gifts are given to families beginning on Friday, November 25, 2011 – Sunday, December 25, 2011.

Holiday Wish List for Families

- New toys, including educational activities, and games for children newborn through age 6. **Items that promote cultural diversity are encouraged.**
- New winter clothing for children infant through size 12, example: coats, boots, hats, mittens.
- Gift Items for parents such as; kitchen items, bath items, winter accessories.
- Gift certificates for families to retail stores for \$25 or more including Target, Wal-Mart, etc.
- Holiday wrapping paper, bows and tape.
- Large black garbage bags.

**NOTE: Please do not purchase gifts that promote violence:
guns, war action figures, etc.**

Toys that require batteries for operation will not be accepted.

Please do not wrap gifts.

**Donations will be accepted Monday, November 21, 2011
through Wednesday, December 20, 2011.**

DELIVERY OF GIFTS

Gifts may be delivered to the front entrance of the Nursery's shelter in Golden Valley at 5400 Glenwood Avenue between **9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, beginning on Monday, November 21, 2011.**

The deadline for making a donation to the Holiday Helper Program is Wednesday, December 21, 2011. This deadline allows Nursery staff to distribute holiday items to families in a timely and efficient manner.

CONTACT

If you have any questions or need more information about this program please contact Carrie Clepper, Development Administrator, at 763-226-2072.



ABOUT GREATER MINNEAPOLIS CRISIS NURSERY

Why Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery exists:

Last year in Minnesota over 4,700 children were abused and neglected. Because we believe the safety and well-being of children come first, the mission of Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery is to end child abuse and neglect and create strong, healthy families.

What Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery provides:

Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery serves as a trusted resource for parents to call in their time of crisis, offering a 24-hour crisis line, crisis counseling, community referrals, parent education classes, a family support group, a home visiting program, and overnight residential care for parents to place their children voluntarily—newborn through age six—for up to three nights while they address their crisis.

How Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery works:

Parents voluntarily access Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery through its 24-hour crisis hotline. A Crisis Nursery family advocate works with each parent to assess their crisis, offer crisis counseling and community referrals, and, where requested and when space is available, arrange for a one, two, or three day placement of their children, newborn through age six, at the Crisis Nursery.

Parents feel secure entrusting their children with the Crisis Nursery because of the Crisis Nursery's nurturing staff and volunteers as well as its safe, welcoming environment. The Crisis Nursery develops a trust relationship with the families it serves and works with them to address both their immediate crises as well as systemic causes. Additionally, the Crisis Nursery leverages established partnerships with social service agencies to ensure families receive the services they need.

Service Statistics and Accomplishments in 2010-2011 fiscal year: (All programs)

- Days of care provided for children 5,827
- Crisis calls managed 5,278
- Placements for Children 2,218
- Referrals Provided to Families 1,436
- Home visits conducted 868
- Parents participating in education and support groups 118

Client Statistics in 2010-2011 fiscal year: (All programs)

- 98% of parents/guardians placing their children at the Nursery were female.
- Average age of parent/guardian is 28.
- 89% of families served had annual incomes under \$10,000.
- 28% of parents/guardians had less than a high school education.
- 14% of Nursery families were homeless (includes living in a shelter, living with family/friends)

Budget:

Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery fiscal year (July-June) 2012 Budget is \$2,932,129. Sources of Crisis Nursery income are, approximately: Individuals (34%), Corporations (28), Government (20), Foundations—including United Way (11), Other—primarily lease income (5), Community (2).