



Holiday Giving Guide

2019



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
of ABILENE

Dear Friends,

We are filled with joy to bring you this year's Holiday Giving Guide.

This charitable giving catalog features wish lists from vetted nonprofit organizations, giving you a unique way to support local charities with your year-end giving.

The nonprofits featured in this giving guide applied for the chance to be featured and were selected by a committee of CFA staff and board members.

Thank you for being part of this special form of holiday gift giving!

Wishing you and yours a merry Christmas,


Katie Alford

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Community Foundation of Abilene



Ways to Give

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- Fundholders may use their donor-advised funds to support wishes.
 - Give any amount online by clicking the Holiday Giving Guide button at cfabilene.org.
 - Send a check to the Community Foundation of Abilene (see address on form).



Abilene Hope Haven

Mission: Inspire hope in our neighbors experiencing homelessness in Abilene.

Wish List:

- \$40: Voucher for reduced vaccination costs
- \$45: One pet crate
- \$300: Average pet deposit for a neighbor entering a lease agreement



Abilene Performing Arts Company

Mission: Capture the interest and develop the talents of individuals through musical theatre, theatre, dance and Kindermusik.

Wish List:

- \$40: Purchase costume for one student for Summer Production Camp
- \$375: Provide one Summer Production Camp scholarship
- \$1,000: Purchase set/prop materials.



Abilene Philharmonic Association

Mission: Unleash the power of music to entertain, educate, and inspire through live symphonic music and community engagement.

Wish List:

- \$150: One-year scholarship for an Abilene Youth Orchestra (AYO) student
- \$500: Provide a guest artist to conduct a masterclass for students
- \$1,500: Provides instructors for AYO's Chamber Music Project



Basketball Smiles

Mission: Abilene-based organization conducting free basketball camps for children from under-served, impoverished areas of the Bahamas since 1999.

Wish List:

- \$50: Cost for new pair of basketball shoes for one boy or girl
- \$242: Total cost to provide four-day camp for one boy or girl
- \$1,250: Cost of meals for one day of camp (four days needed)



Big Country CASA

Mission: Advocate for the best interest of abused and neglected children in the CPS court system through trained community volunteers.

Wish List:

- \$50 – Christmas gifts for the children placed in a treatment center
- \$100 – New personal items for children in foster care
- \$500 – Support the recruitment and training of a new volunteer to serve one abused and neglected child in foster care





Boys and Girls Club of Abilene

Mission: Enable and inspire young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

Wish List:

- \$57: Bulk pack of 1,500 Legos for a club to have as a creative outlet for kids
- \$146 : Variety of gym balls for one club
- \$196: One year of art supplies for one club (crayons, markers, glue sticks, etc.)



Camp Able

Mission: Cultivate healthy, independent living for people with special needs through skills-based training and equine therapy, with a special focus on using horses that have been given sanctuary from difficult circumstances.

Wish List:

- \$52: Three bags of Total Equine, a feed that is used to enhance horse health
- \$125: New shoes and a hoof trim for one horse (50 needed)
- \$500: Composite saddle for therapeutic riding sessions to accommodate special needs riders that range from 2 years of age to elderly adults



Day Nursery of Abilene

Mission: Provide affordable quality childcare for a diverse community.

Wish List:

- \$12: Board books for infant/toddler program (need 75)
- \$10: Preschool and school age books (need 75)
- \$50: Multicultural baby doll sets (need 6)



Food Bank of West Central Texas

Mission: Helping to fight hunger in the Big Country by providing food to non-profit agencies that feed the hungry

Wish List:

- \$2,500: Floor-cleaning machine to replace the existing machine which cannot be repaired



Habitat for Humanity

Mission: Habitat puts God's love into action, bringing people together to build homes, communities and hope.

Wish List:

- \$250: New projector to present Habitat's story to community groups
- \$600: Purchase trees and shrubs to landscape one new home
- \$649: Playground equipment for pocket park in Cornerstone Court neighborhood



Harmony Family Services

Mission: Provide loving care and assistance to children and families so they can function in a healthier manner.

Wish List:

- \$50: Purchase new bedding for a bed in the children's emergency shelter
- \$250: Winter clothing and shoes for two children who come to the shelter
- \$500: Christmas celebration for children in foster homes and emergency shelter



Hendrick Home for Children

Mission: Provide a home for children who cannot live with their biological families, and emphasize spiritual, emotional, physical and intellectual growth, teaching children to live productive lives.

Wish List:

- \$100: Purchase jeans for 5 children (need 25 pairs of jeans)
- \$2,000: Send 10 children to Shepherd of the Ozarks Christian Conference/Retreat in Northwest Arkansas



Historic Paramount Theatre

Mission: 89-year-old movie palace in the heart of downtown Abilene striving to preserve the historic landmark and enrich the community.

Wish List:

- \$25: Train 30+ youth artists to dance in the musical, Frozen, Junior
- \$100: Four scripts for actors and actresses for Frozen, Junior production
- \$600: Purchase one four-foot riser to accommodate performances and rentals (four needed)



Houses for Healing

Mission: Providing free short-term medical housing to people in a medical crisis who cannot afford a place to stay while fighting for life and health in Abilene.

Wish List:

- \$90: One night of free lodging for a family experiencing a medical crisis
- \$115: Covers one month electric for guest house, or replaces linens after patient undergoes treatment
- \$550: New windows for guest house on Hickory Street



International Rescue Committee

Mission: Help people whose lives and livelihoods are shattered by conflict and disaster to survive, recover and gain control of their future.

Wish List:

- \$100: Bike and helmet for one newly-arrived refugee child to ride to and from school (10 bike/helmet sets needed).
- \$500: Christmas celebration for all new refugee families
- \$750: Provide each new refugee family with the groceries, supplies, and instructions (in their language) to cook their first Thanksgiving meal



Meals on Wheels Plus

Mission: To enhance the quality of life for seniors and other eligible adults by providing nutritionally balanced meals and supportive services.

Wish List:

- \$50: Holiday Food Basket for low income clients who otherwise would not have a Christmas dinner (50 food baskets needed)

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

Mission: Provide an intentional environment where individuals living with mental illness have opportunities to be productive, develop social connections, obtain employment and achieve recovery.

Wish List:

- \$40: Bus pass for new member to participate in PHOENIX Clubhouse activities
- \$175: Purchase one bicycle for use during the health and wellness activities at the clubhouse (5 bikes needed)
- \$300: Camcorder and tripod to help members practice interview skills



New Beginnings-Big Country

Mission: Transitional housing ministry for women coming out of jail, prison or some other form of bondage.

Wish List:

- \$50: New outfit and non-skid work shoes for a woman getting out of prison
- \$200: Wireless security system for apartment building and homes (4 needed)
- \$1,800: Swing set for children and partial replacement of privacy fence for apartment building



Pregnancy Resources of Abilene

Mission: Inspire hope and unconditionally love everyone by empowering them to thrive through compassionate support and positive solutions

Wish List:

- \$10: Provides a young child with a board book children's Bible
- \$20: Nourishes a baby for five days with one can of baby formula



Safe Families for Children

Mission: Hosts vulnerable children and creates extended family-like supports for desperate families through a community of devoted volunteers to keep children safe and families intact.

Wish List:

- \$39: Provide background check for one volunteer
- \$400: Provide CPR and First Aid certification for 20 volunteers
- \$690: Purchase dedicated computer for volunteer staff





Salvation Army

Mission: To preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

Wish List:

- \$72: Shelter and food for someone in need to stay at the shelter for a week
- \$192: Three complete, new clothing outfits provided for an at-risk family of four
- \$405: One new bunk bed to expand housing for the CSRC (Corps Salvage and Rehabilitation Center) drug and alcohol program



Special Olympics Texas-Big Country

Mission: To provide a broad network of care and social support for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Wish List:

- \$70: Badminton set to be used at local competitions, hosting secondary schools in Abilene and the surrounding areas (need 6-7)
- \$245: Weight-lifting belts in varying sizes to allow athletes to safely compete in local powerlifting competitions.



Strength for Life Foundation

Mission: To help cancer patients remain hopeful and to give them the ability to remain strong and stay positive through a free, community-based exercise program.

Wish List:

- \$50: Provide exercise training for one cancer patient for one month
- \$840: Rehab table for patients who cannot get on the floor on a mat to stretch



Surviving Families of Fallen Warriors

Mission: To support all past, present, future and fallen military members and their families, and to honor and remember the sacrifices made for our freedoms.

Wish List:

- \$15: Purchase one "Wreaths Across America" wreath to place on the grave site of a military member buried at one of five cemeteries in Taylor County
- \$120: Sponsor a team in the 5K Oorah Warrior Run, carrying canned goods to be donated to Meals-on-Meals in support of local veterans
- \$500: Support a military monument that will honor all military females and K-9s who have served our country



YMCA of Abilene

Mission: To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

Wish List:

- \$41: Provide a 50% scholarship for one week of preschool
- \$164: Provide a 50% scholarship for a month of preschool
- \$928: Provide a 50% scholarship for six months of preschool



Merry Christmas.



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