

# The Wish Project

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## WINTER WISHES OPEN YOUR HEART ONLINE AUCTION

### Thank You for Making our Online Auction a Success



This years Winter Wishes fundraising event looked very different from years past, but we are so proud to say that we were able to make it work.

Our "Winter Wishes Open Your Heart" online auction raised \$25,000 from auction sales and sponsorships. These funds will go far to make up the financial loss that The Wish Project experienced after canceling two big fundraisers in 2020. We will be able to continue our mission to support those most in need.

We have worked hard to stay open and adapt to new policies and procedures put in place to keep everyone safe. We will continue to provide the basic necessities and also be able to continue to provide clients with items needed during the pandemic, like the thousands of face masks, paper products, hand sanitizer, and household cleaning kits and hundreds of headphones, for children to use while home schooling that were already given out this past year.

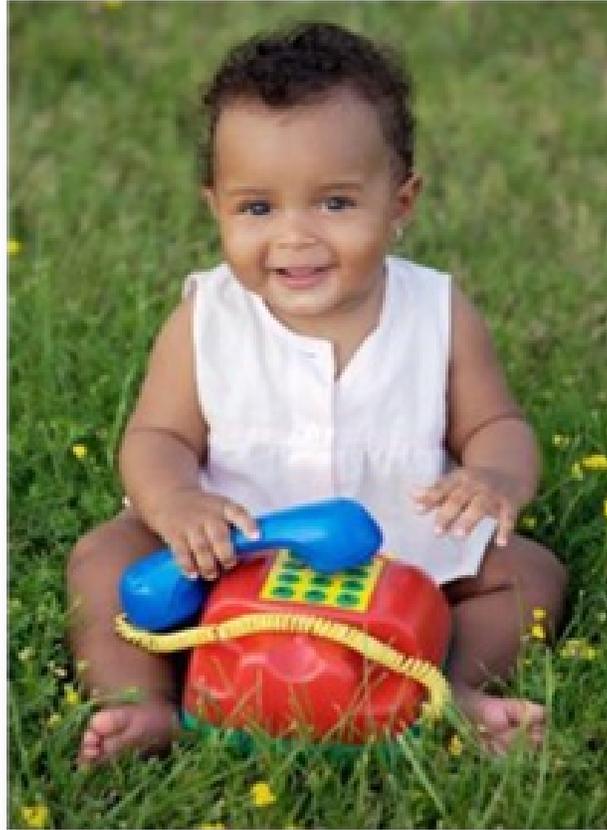
Staff and volunteers had so much fun putting this event together and we all hope that you enjoyed the bidding process and all of your winnings! Be sure to join us again next year for our second annual Winter Wishes Open Your Heart Online Auction.

If you haven't yet picked up your winnings, please email [grace@thewishproject.org](mailto:grace@thewishproject.org) to schedule your pick up.

Thank you for your continuing, generous support which has made a difference in the lives of so many in need.

### Basic Items for infant and Toddler Success

Our BITS Bags program was created over 10 years ago at the request of our partner agencies to address the need for age appropriate toys in their clients homes to help infants and toddlers with their development. Having access to these toys will allow for parent and child interaction and play at home. Poor and at risk children are far more likely to experience developmental delay due to lack of these simple interactive toys to stimulate them.



During our first year, we gave out almost 500 bags. Last year that number grew to 1,100 and we anticipate the need to be even greater this year. With the current COVID pandemic, many families are living in isolation, without access to much needed items to provide stimulation to the growing minds of their children. Our goal is to get these bags into the hands of all children that need them and with your help we can.

There are several ways in which you can help. You can help by donating filled bags, collect items, or making a monetary donation to sponsor a bag. Your financial contribution will allow us to supply a bag in your name, to honor a family member, or the name of your company. If you prefer to shop online you can purchase items from our [Amazon BITS bag wish list](#) and ship your donation directly to us. The deadline to donate project goods is March 27th, so please have your items to us by then. Follow [this link](#) for more information about the BITS Bags project. Please contact Lori at [Lori@thewishproject.org](mailto:Lori@thewishproject.org) with questions. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, follow the link to [Donate Now](#) . With your support we can help prevent developmental delay in children in Merrimack Valley. Any help is greatly appreciated!

## THANK YOU



We are assisting more families than ever right now and basic needs are going out just as fast as they are coming in. Because of this, we are relying heavily on our generous donors. These donors make it possible for us to continue to assist our neighbors most in need. Thank you to the following for their generous monetary donations and donations of new goods to support our ongoing

### emergency relief

Lucy Tudryn, Barbara Anderson, Carol Roarke, Jackie Ringland, Raymond Delorme, Julie Williams, Jeffrey Smith, Irene Moran, Mindy Fishman, Ksenia Hill, Millie Rose, Wendy Matteson, Ava Taylor, The Hamilton Family, Rita Scott, A. Clark, Maura Snow, Chris Kopinski, Peggy Traumuller, Jeffrey Nussbaum, Venier Family Charitable Fund, Maribel Cruz, Susan Smith, Jamie & Jennifer Smagula, Pamela Kazeniak, Mary Laundry, Belinda Juran, Danielle Williams, Julie Dematteis, Carol McDermott, Juliana Merlino, Dan Ward, Mufaddal Bhagat, Beth McDermott, Eric Larsen, Sarah Boehm, Susan Lemire, Ann Long, Sheryl Berkowitz, and Suzanne Olsen.

A special thank you goes out to retired staff member, Patty Murphy, who stopped by the warehouse to donate Community bags she purchased at Stop and Shop, to support this month's fundraiser. She also purchased the Staff Picks gift card bundle from our Winter Wishes Open Your Heart Online Auction and gifted them back to the staff. We can now all enjoy a meal at our favorite spot! Thank you, Patty, for your never ending kindness and generosity.

A special thank you to Joe Spanos for donating his services to The Wish Project and putting together our amazing Winter Wishes Open Your Heart video. We couldn't ask for a better representation of our mission. Thank you Joe! Check out the video [here](#).

We have recently made some changes in the way we are tracking our incoming donations. As we use this new technology, we ask for your patience and understanding. We have discovered a few errors that may have resulted in some donors not receiving a thank you letter. Please know that your gift was received and very much appreciated. If you need documentation for tax purposes, please email [crystal@thewishproject.org](mailto:crystal@thewishproject.org).

As always, we are continuing to receive donations shipped anonymously to the warehouse. We are so very grateful for all of these donations.

## AMAZON WEEKLY WISH LIST

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Loveseats

Women's Deodorant  
Baby wash  
Dish Soap  
Paper Towels  
Laundry Detergent Pods  
Men's Long Sleeve Shirts in Sizes S and L  
Women's Underwear (NEW) in Size L  
Women's Long Sleeve Shirts in Size M  
Market Basket Gift Cards  
Supplies for BITS Bags

## DONORS AND DONATIONS



## SUPER VOLUNTEERS



## CLIENT CORNER



## About Us

The Mission of The Wish Project is to help families in need in Merrimack Valley. Find out more on our website [www.TheWishProject.org](http://www.TheWishProject.org) or call us at (866) 947-4360.

Our New mailing address is: **The Wish Project PO Box 8693 Lowell, Ma 01853**

We are located at: **166 Middlesex St North Chelmsford behind Hertz car rental**

**Clothing and household goods can be dropped off during our open hours without an appointment, Tuesday-Saturday 9-2:30pm. When donating furniture please call first to make sure we have the space 866-947-4360 x2 or email [donategoods@thewishproject.org](mailto:donategoods@thewishproject.org) .**

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