

Dear Friend of **HAVEN**,

As the holiday season approaches we are preparing for one of the most meaningful events of the year — our annual Holiday Gift Giveaway for survivors of intimate partner violence and their children. This special initiative offers more than just presents; it's a chance to restore dignity, create moments of joy, and remind survivors that they are not alone.

Unlike any other holiday giveaway or "adopt-a-family" program, Gift Giveaway empowers survivors who have utilized **HAVEN's** services in the last 12 months to "shop" (for free) through hundreds of new items that you and other caring community members donate. Volunteers accompany survivors and help them pick out special gifts for their children and themselves. It is truly a rewarding experience for everyone involved.

Last season, with the support of community members like you, we made the holidays better for 793 individuals currently receiving services from **HAVEN. (196 adults and 597 children)**

Donate Gifts:

Collect new, unwrapped gifts and gift cards. Our greatest needs are listed on the back of this letter. We invite you to purchase items directly from our Amazon Wish List; these items will be shipped directly to **HAVEN**. To avoid the holiday frenzy and shipping delays, we recommend purchasing items from the Amazon sooner than later.

You will be able to drop off gifts at **HAVEN** Monday through Friday 10am - 4pm starting November 1, 2026 through December 15, 2026.

Physical drop off: 801 Vanguard, Pontiac MI 48341

Visit our Amazon Wish list and have items delivered directly to **HAVEN** using the QR code to the right.



Volunteer:

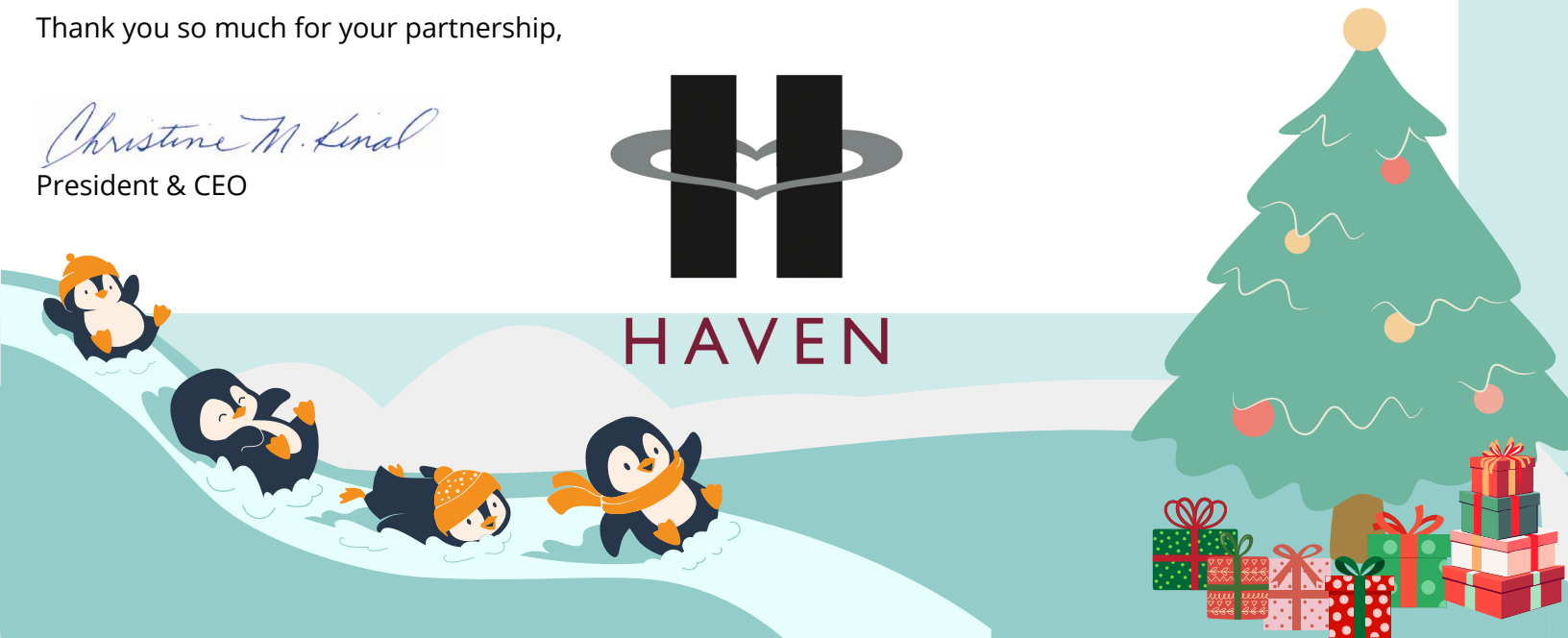
You are invited to have a life-changing experience as a Gift Giveaway volunteer. Volunteer activities include accepting donations, setting up the room, organizing donations, helping clients with their "shopping", restocking tables and more.

To volunteer, sign up at: www.haven-oakland.org/volunteer/#volunteer

If you have any questions or need further assistance please contact a Gift Giveaway committee member at (248) 334-1284 Ext. 459 or volunteerinfo@haven-oakland.org

Thank you so much for your partnership,

Christine M. Kinal
President & CEO



ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW, UNUSED AND UNWRAPPED

Donations of \$20 - \$50 gift cards from Target, Meijer or Kroger are most helpful. Gift cards allow families to meet their varying needs in the most cost effective manner.

TOP PRIORITY ITEMS

- Winter Coats and Boots (all genders/gender neutral)
- Gift cards (\$20, \$25, \$50) especially Meijer, Walmart and Kroger
- Blankets and Comforters - full/queen and king size
- Teen Items (including gift cards) especially traditional male items - the teens are the hardest to shop for!
- Kitchen appliances (microwaves, toasters, coffee makers, keurigs, crock-pots, blenders, pots & pans, plate ware and silverware etc.)
- Pajamas for all ages, all sizes (this includes men's sizes, we often forget teen boys are men's sizes)

GIFTS FOR ADULTS 19+ AND FAMILY ITEMS - ALL GENDERS/SIZES

- Winter Coats
- Winter Boots
- Pajamas
- Microwave and Small Kitchen Appliances (coffee maker, keurig, toaster, blender, crock-pot, tableware)
- Linens - Comforters, Sheets (full/queen and king), Pillows, Hand and Bath Towel Sets, Kitchen Towel Sets
- Family Board Games (Life, Sorry, Dominos, Apples to Apples, Monopoly etc.)
- Batteries for Games/Electronics (AAA, AA, D, 9Volt)

GIFTS FOR TEENS AGES 13-18 - ALL GENDERS/SIZES

- Winter Coats
- Winter Boots
- Pajamas
- Makeup Sets, Jewelry, Sports Equipment, Skateboards, crafts
- Remote Control Cars and Trucks, Baseball Hats (Detroit Area and College Teams)
- Video Games (educational/non-violent)
- Electronics (Ear Buds and Headphones, tablets, instant cameras)
- \$20-\$50 Gift Cards (Target, Walmart, Amazon)

GIFTS FOR CHILDREN AGES 8-12 ALL GENDERS/SIZES

- Winter Coats
- Winter Boots
- Pajamas
- Action Figures, Dolls of Diverse Ethnicities, Craft Sets, Art Sets, Bead Kits
- Books, Legos, Cars, Trucks, Remote Control Cars, and Trucks, imaginative play, crafts
- Earbuds, Headphones
- Board Games

GIFTS FOR CHILDREN AGES 4-7 ALL GENDERS

- Winter Coats
- Winter Boots
- Pajamas
- Books, educational activity, workbooks
- Action Figures, Dolls of Diverse Ethnicities, Books, Legos, Cars, Dinosaurs, imaginative/STEM play

GIFTS FOR CHILDREN AGES 0-3 ALL GENDERS

- Winter Coats
- Pajamas
- Push and Pull Toys, Sensory or Soft Toys, Balls
- Emotional and educational supportive toys

PLEASE

No toys with weapons (including nerf guns). No candles, No DVDs or gifts with violent themes, No edible items. No used items

Don't forget!
You can shop our Amazon wish list and have gifts delivered directly to HAVEN! Just scan the QR code below!





Volunteer Information

HAVEN Gift Giveaway 2026



Volunteer Location:

All shifts will be at **HAVEN** - 801 Vanguard Dr. Pontiac, MI 48341

Volunteer Jobs:

- **December 10, 11, 12** - Volunteers will accept donations, sort, organize and inventory them as well as decorate and prepare the space for shopping.
- **December 13, 14, 15** - Volunteers will help clients with their "shopping", restock tables, help clients carry gifts to their cars and help keep our inventory room organized.
- **December 16** - Volunteers will help **HAVEN** staff pack up remaining items and return space to its original condition

Restrictions:

Volunteers must be age 13 or older, be able to stand for extended periods and possibly lift items up to 50lbs. Volunteers ages 13-17 will require a waiver signed by a parent/guardian and have a parent/guardian present.

Volunteer Shifts

Thur., Dec. 10	9am - 1pm 12pm - 4pm 3pm - 7pm	25 Volunteers Needed 25 Volunteers Needed 15 Volunteers Needed
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Fri., Dec. 11	9am - 1pm 12pm - 4pm 3pm - 7pm	25 Volunteers Needed 25 Volunteers Needed 15 Volunteers Needed
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Sat., Dec. 12	9am - 1pm 12pm - 4pm 3pm - 7pm	25 Volunteers Needed 25 Volunteers Needed 15 Volunteers Needed
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Sun., Dec. 13	9am - 1pm 12pm - 4pm 3pm - 7pm	20 Volunteers Needed 25 Volunteers Needed 25 Volunteers Needed
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Mon., Dec. 14	9am - 1pm 12pm - 4pm 3pm - 7pm	20 Volunteers Needed 25 Volunteers Needed 25 Volunteers Needed
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Tues., Dec. 15	9am - 1pm 12pm - 4pm 3pm - 7pm	20 Volunteers Needed 25 Volunteers Needed 25 Volunteers Needed
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Wed., Dec. 16

10am - 1pm
12pm - 4pm

20 Volunteers Needed
25 Volunteers Needed

