

## LIGHT GREEN TAGS – BRITEPATHS

Provides emergency food, financial assistance and mentoring to families that are often members of the working poor. More than half of those served are children.

**GIFTS NEEDED:** *Gift cards for food and other basics from Target, Walmart, Giant and Shoppers Food Warehouse.*

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## NEON PINK TAGS – LAMB CENTER

Serves the homeless in Fairfax County with counseling, spirituality and services including hot meals, showers, laundry, clothing closet, computer access, health specialists and legal assistance.

**GIFTS NEEDED:** *Adult size underwear, socks, belts, t-shirts, thermal underwear, small deodorant, shaving cream and disposable razors, Smart Trip cards, gift cards to major discount stores and McDonalds.*

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## ORANGE TAGS – BETHANY HOUSE

Operates two emergency shelters in Fairfax County for victims of domestic violence and their children.

**GIFTS NEEDED:** *Gift cards to Giant, Shoppers, Harris Teeter, Target, Walmart or CVS. For clients' new homes – twin sheet sets, comforters, towels, dishes, pots, pans, small appliances, eating and cooking utensils.*

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## AQUA TAGS – KATHERINE HANLEY FAMILY SHELTER

Accommodates up to 28 homeless families in Fairfax County, helping them move quickly into permanent housing and then continuing to provide needed services.

**GIFTS NEEDED:** *For the shelter's holiday "Family Shopping Night" for teens and adults – gift cards to Target, Walmart, American Express, Visa and Giant. Gifts for kids, teens and adults: Legos, sports team apparel, jewelry/purses, adult/teen board games, Smart Trip cards, household goods.*

# 2017 ST. MARK GIVING TREE

To spread the joy of Christmas, the ST. MARK community makes a commitment each year to help others through the Giving Tree.

Beginning November 25, you can choose gift tags from the tree in the Narthex that contain descriptions of the organizations we assist and their wish lists. The tags are color-coded for each organization. This booklet and the ST. MARK website ([www.stmark.org](http://www.stmark.org), click on "Service" icon) contain the same descriptions of the organizations and their wish lists.

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Please mark all gifts clearly with the name of the organization the gift is for and deliver them to the Activities Center before or after Masses on the weekend of December 9-10, no later than 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.

- **PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THE GIFTS.**
- **Clearly indicate the value of gift certificates on the card or envelope.**
- **Do not leave checks or gift certificates on the tables in the Activities Center. Hand them to a volunteer before or after the Masses on December 9-10.**
- **With the exception of paperback books for the Jail Ministry and maternity clothes for HOPE and A Woman's Choice, all gifts should be new.**
- **QUESTIONS? Contact Carolyn Peterson at 703-281-3941 or Nancy Willis at 703-255-2281.**

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## LILAC TAGS – SPECIAL ADOPTIONS

Select a personal gift for an individual, family, foster child or military family in need. Names are given to ST. MARK by social service agencies in Fairfax County and Family Pass.

**GIFTS NEEDED:** *Contact Nancy Dunaway at 703-758-8142 or Mary Lou McIntire at 703-938-4276.*

## **PINK TAGS – SECOND STORY (formerly Alternative House)**

Temporary residences for teenagers who find it impossible to live at home; includes a home for pregnant/parenting teen mothers and neighborhood-based after-school programs.

**GIFTS NEEDED:** Gift certificates for grocery stores, Target, Best Buy, Babies R Us, Toys R Us, movie passes. For boys and girls, all sizes: hoodies, sweatpants, fleeces, sweaters, underwear. Board games, makeup, watches, twin sheet sets, pillows, blankets, clocks (w/o radios), batteries (AA, AAA, D).

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## **GRAY TAGS – CHO CLOTHES CLOSET**

An all-volunteer community organization serving the poor in Vienna, Oakton, Dunn Loring and Merrifield.

**GIFTS NEEDED:** Men's clothing, especially pants (sizes 32-36); Children's clothing (all sizes); All Ages – new winter jackets (all sizes).

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## **WHITE TAGS – HOPE IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA, A WOMAN'S CHOICE**

Private, non-profit organizations providing pregnancy support and material resources to women in crisis pregnancies.

**GIFTS NEEDED:** Newborns to 2T- winter clothing, snowsuits, blankets, sleep sacks, onesies, diapers (newborn to size 5), bottles, wipes, diaper bags, hooded towels, baby toiletries. **Children** – toys (infant to age 7), clothing (to 6x), umbrella strollers. **Mothers** - small gifts, new or used maternity clothes, Target, Walmart or grocery gift cards.

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## **NEON GREEN TAGS – FAIRFAX CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)**

Trained volunteers work at the request of the Fairfax County Juvenile Court advocating for abused and neglected children to ensure they have a voice in court, do not get lost in the legal and social service systems and

grow and thrive in safe, permanent homes. Last year CASA served more than 325 children, 50 percent under age five.

**GIFTS NEEDED:** Gift cards (\$25 or \$50), which are distributed to the CASA volunteers to purchase inexpensive gifts for the children and teens they serve on birthdays, holidays and other occasions.

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## **TAN TAGS – CATHOLIC CHARITIES' MIGRATION & REFUGEE SERVICES**

Most current clients are Afghans and Iraqis who worked alongside U.S. troops. MRS helps with housing, employment, ESL, schools, etc. and puts them on the path to U.S. citizenship.

**GIFTS NEEDED:** new twin or queen linens or "bed-in-a bundle" sets; 8-12 quart stock pots with lids, cookware sets, flatware sets, pyrex baking dishes, cutting boards, bath mats; gift cards to Walmart, Target, Dollar Tree, Giant, Safeway, Food Lion, Aldi; Visa gift cards.

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## **YELLOW TAGS – CHINS (Children In Need of Smiles)**

Delivers heartwarming gifts for pediatric cancer patients at Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children, hoping to provide comfort, support and smiles.

**GIFTS NEEDED:** No-sew blankets (all sizes), all-plastic infant and toddler toys, Fisher Price play sets & figures, small Lego & Lego friends sets, My Little Pony figures, action figures, Barbie dolls, Matchbox cars, personal journals, iTunes gift cards, gas cards or Visa gift cards for parents, activity books for all ages including adults.

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## **GOLDENROD TAGS – JAIL MINISTRY**

An outreach ministry to the imprisoned in the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

**GIFTS NEEDED:** Paperback English or Spanish/English dictionaries; paperback bilingual Spanish/English bibles; paperback lives of the saints and other easy reading books suitable for adults. All books should be new or gently used.