



ST. CATHERINE'S  
CENTER FOR CHILDREN

# Gift Catalog

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Center for Children

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*Special Holiday Edition 2023*



*Welcome to the 2023 edition of our holiday gift catalog!*

Our catalog offers a selection of gifts from which you can choose to support vulnerable children, families and adults. Your gift will not only make the holiday season

brighter for someone, but it can also bring support and comfort all year long! St. Catherine's works very hard to meet the essential needs of the people we serve, but often our clients may have unexpected or emergency needs. That's where you can help!

Your gift might provide a 10-year-old girl with dental work that will brighten her smile. With your help, a young mother may receive formula, diapers, and clothing for her newborn baby.

You can also select a gift that brings a lifetime of happy memories for a child, including an adventure-filled day at a theme park or an educational trip to the zoo!

Your donation through this catalog offers an added bonus. Give a gift in honor of a family member or special friend, and we will let that person know you made a donation in their name!

*Thank you for your continued support. We hope you enjoy a blessed holiday season!*

## **Our Mission**

**St. Catherine's Center for Children offers a comprehensive range of human services designed to offer hope, foster growth, and improve the lives of the children, families, and adults we serve.**

# How our gift catalog works

Review this catalog and select a donation level that matches a listed gift. For instance, you might decide to give \$150 to buy an emergency admission kit for a child placed in foster care (*page 8*). We'll take your donation and purchase items that children often need when they unexpectedly leave their homes and enter the foster care system.



Our catalog offers plenty of other ideas for giving. Take a look for yourself. Want to provide a family with a holiday meal? There's a giving level for that. Want to help buy school supplies, or sponsor therapeutic art lessons for traumatized children? You can make those gifts, as well. *During the holiday season, there is no better reason to give.* And don't forget, your donation is tax-deductible!

*And here's an added reason to donate this holiday season. When you give a gift, you can designate a special person to honor. That person will receive a card describing the gift you donated in his or her name!*

## We appreciate any gift

While this catalog suggests donations in specific amounts, we appreciate every gift. Your donation will always be put to good use. Want to learn more? Visit us at [www.st-cath.org](http://www.st-cath.org), or find us on popular social media sites, including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

## How to help someone in need with your tax-deductible donation

- 1) Use the **envelope and order form** in this booklet to send your gift by check or credit card.
- 2) **Give online** by visiting [www.st-cath.org](http://www.st-cath.org) and clicking the prompts that lead to our **Holiday Gift Catalog**.
- 3) **Call Dori O’Neal at 518-453-6802** and provide us with your credit card information so we can process your gift.
- 4) **Call Michele Puleo O’Hare at 518-510-5941 (or email [mpuleoohare@st-cath.org](mailto:mpuleoohare@st-cath.org))** with any questions you may have about the various giving options.

*Would you like to send a gift in honor of someone special? Simply fill out the form on the back page, and we will send a message to the person you are honoring. Your gift to us is a special way of acknowledging someone important in your life.*

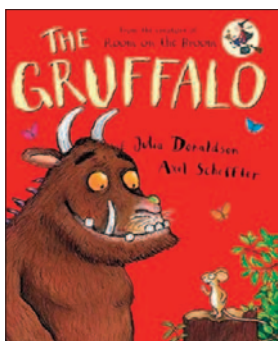
## Invest in the Future

If you’re taking the time to read this, you’re already invested in St. Catherine’s future. Through the years, your gifts have met the needs



of countless children and adults facing the trauma of homelessness, mental illness, abuse, neglect and other challenges. You’ve offered hope! Thanks to friends like you, we’ve been able to care for thousands of the Capital Region’s most vulnerable since our founding in 1886. Of course, it’s always important to plan for the future. While many of the gifts in this catalog fit immediate needs, you can choose to **Invest in the Future**. Your gift in this category—in any amount—can help meet unplanned needs or emergencies. Donations are invested and, combined with other gifts, help us save for a rainy day.





## \$25-Books for Kids

Books are entertaining *and* inspiring! A good book opens new worlds for young readers, taking them to places and introducing them to characters they will never forget. You can help open those new worlds and inspire a child's dream. What child does not want to be part of that story? *Just \$25 buys five books.*

## \$50-Backpacks & School Supplies

Every child deserves tools for education. Whether a child learns at school or at home, pencils, pens, and notebooks are necessary for success. *Your gift of \$50 can provide students with a new backpack and basic school supplies to help them meet the challenge of a school year!*



## \$75-Therapeutic Art

Therapeutic art benefits children in so many ways. Art encourages children to express their feelings. It enhances social interactions by facilitating discussions and building relationships.

Children learn to identify, understand, and express positive feelings through the use of art. They learn how to expand their world! *Your \$75 gift* not only supports the purchase of materials, but—combined with other gifts—allows our children to attend art classes and see their work displayed at formal art exhibits. *It is a gift that gives for years to come!*

## \$75–Care-A-Van

Sometimes people come to us for help. Sometimes, we go to them. Meeting people in their neighborhoods is the idea behind our *Care-A-Van*, which travels to neighborhoods throughout the Capital Region. *Your \$75 gift can supply our Care-A-Van with food, hygiene items, and other essentials for distribution to our most vulnerable neighbors.*



## \$75–Jazzy Sun Birthday Party



*Jazzy Sun Birthdays* was founded more than a decade ago by our friend, Fazana Saleem-Ismail, to celebrate birthdays for children living in shelters. Her idea? Provide unique birthday parties for homeless children, ensuring each child has a cake, a gift, and decorations in his or her very own special theme. Since then, hundreds of our children have celebrated *Jazzy Sun* birthdays. *Your \$75 gift will help us keep Fazana’s dream alive, funding monthly birthday parties for children living in our Marillac homeless shelter.*

## \$100–Groceries for a Family of Four

It may be difficult to imagine not having food to feed your children, especially during the holidays. But it’s all too common. *Your \$100 gift can buy a meal for a family of four, and remind them that there are people who care.*



## \$100–Activity Gift Cards for Kids

St. Catherine's offers a wide range of programs and services. In many of those programs, our social workers and clinicians work with youth in their home communities. Counseling and services may occur in the youth's home, but they can also occur in community settings.



Many of the families we work with have limited resources, so taking a child or youth out can be challenging. Here's how you can help. For every \$100 donation we receive in this category—*Activities for Kids*—we can purchase four, \$25 gift cards. Our staff will often use the cards to treat a child to a daytime outing. Your donation will not only be a welcome gift, but it will give caseworkers and clinicians an opportunity to work with a youth or child in a stress-free environment.



## \$125–Welcome a Newborn Baby

The birth of a child is a time for hope, and an occasion to celebrate. Every newborn should enjoy a good start in life. You can help make that possible with *your gift of \$125*. *Your donation can buy a*

*basket that includes diapers, baby formula, blankets, and other essentials that every newborn needs.* There's no better way to welcome a child into the world—and to help mom and dad—than with this special gift.

**Learn more about us at [www.st-cath.org](http://www.st-cath.org)**

## \$150–Foster Child Emergency Admission Kit

Imagine being placed in foster care, suddenly removed from the only home you have ever known. You miss your family and find yourself living with strangers. This whirlwind of change can be overwhelming and traumatic for any child. Children often arrive at one of our foster homes with little more than the clothing on their backs, and perhaps their favorite toy. *Your gift of \$150 can help buy an emergency admission kit for a foster child.* The kit contains essential items—like clothing, toothbrush, and school supplies—and a few extras to help bring comfort to a child during a difficult time in his or her life.



## \$175–Help a Homeless Family

A mother living in a homeless shelter hopes to new buy clothes for a job interview. Her children need warm coats for the upcoming winter, while dad needs a new battery for his car so he can drive to work. The homeless require more than emergency shelter. They can also use your support to become independent. *Your gift of \$175 can help a struggling family or individual build a new life.*





## \$200-Children's Activities, Educational Trips & Fun Outings



For a child, a visit to the Bronx Zoo or the Children's Museum of Science and Technology can instill a life-long interest in science and the world we live in. A trip to a major league baseball game or an amusement park

can create happy memories that will last a lifetime. *Your gift of \$200 can help support group educational trips and other fun and educational outings for a child.* These are experiences our children might never have the opportunity to enjoy, and they open the world to exciting new possibilities.

## \$250-Bonnie Stoliker Emergency Relief Fund

For the families we serve—already coping with challenges that threaten family life and stability—these are uncertain times. Resources are easily exhausted, and unexpected needs arise. Whether that need is purchasing groceries to feed a family for a week or buying a bed for a child sleeping on the floor, you can help. *Your gift of \$250 to our Bonnie Stoliker Emergency Relief Fund—named in memory of a beloved colleague who passed away more than a decade ago—will help vulnerable families in times of crisis.* It's a wonderful way to support a family, and honor the memory of a woman who dedicated her life to helping others.



**Don't delay. Send your gift today!**

## \$500-Charlie's Children Fund



*Charlie's Children Fund* honors Charlie and Helen Crisafulli, friends and benefactors of St. Catherine's who funded the *Crisafulli Science and Discovery Center* at the R&E May School. *Charlie's Children Fund* honors the Crisafulli philanthropic legacy, and funds immediate

and urgent needs of the children we serve. Services may include dental work not covered by Medicaid, individual and specialized therapeutic treatment, or other unique or underfunded needs. *Simply designate your \$500 gift to the Charlie's Children Fund, and we will do the rest.* Is there a better way to bring a smile to a child's face?

## Building Human Potential

Our holiday catalog is about hope. Whether your gift buys a book for a child or feeds a family, your support makes a difference. But maybe you're wondering if you can do more? You can do more—at a place called *Michael's House!* *Michael's House* is a 20-unit supportive housing facility.



It's a home for people struggling with chronic mental health issues, youth leaving the foster care system, and others who are at risk of becoming homeless. It is more than a building. It builds human potential! You can help us build human potential with a donation to *Michael's House*, and pay tribute to someone special at the same time. Your gift of \$2,500 or more comes with the opportunity to place a commemorative plaque at *Michael's House* honoring a loved one or a friend. Of course, you can send us a gift in any amount to support the program. Call Michele Puleo O'Hare at 518-410-5941 to learn more.

# Gift Order Form

Gift	Quantity	Price	Total
Charlie's Children Fund		\$500	\$
Bonnie Stoliker Emergency Relief Fund		\$250	\$
Children's Educational Trips & Outings		\$200	\$
Help a Homeless Family		\$175	\$
Foster Child Emergency Admission		\$150	\$
Welcome a Newborn		\$125	\$
Groceries for a Family of Four or Activity Gift Cards for Kids <b>(Circle One)</b>		\$100	\$
Jazzy Sun Birthday Party		\$75	\$
Care-A-Van		\$75	\$
Therapeutic Art		\$75	\$
Backpacks & School Supplies		\$50	\$
Books for Kids		\$25	\$
<b>Building Human Potential</b>		<b>\$</b>	
<b>Invest in the Future</b>		<b>\$</b>	

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone or email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** *Detach this form and mail it using the enclosed envelope. Or, call Dori O'Neal at 518-453-6802 (email: doneal@st-cath.org) for more details. We can also talk to you about Legacy Gifts! Please call Michele Puleo O'Hare at 518-410-5941 (email: mpuleoohare@st-cath.org) to learn more. Your support at any level is appreciated!*

To help the people we serve move toward dignity and independence, we use our limited resources where they are most needed. Your gift will support vulnerable persons across a wide array of programs and services. Our mission is to provide a comprehensive range of human services designed to offer hope, foster growth, and improve the lives of the children, adults, and families we serve. Your gift, in combination with others, will help transform lives of people dealing with homelessness, abuse, neglect, mental illness, and other traumas. St. Catherine's Center for Children is a charitable organization qualifying for IRS status under Section 501(c)(3). Contributions are tax-deductible.



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*Your gift in any amount will make a difference. Please give what you can!*

*We will send a card notifying a loved one/friend of a gift in their honor:*

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