The Smith Family's

TOY & BOOK APPEAL

Help bring a smile to over 14,000 children in need this Christmas.

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Sadly, thousands of Aussie kids will go without receiving a gift this holiday season simply because their families can't afford it.

This year, with your help, The Smith Family aim to deliver over 45,000 new toys and 30,000 new books to children in need around Australia.

IT'S ONLY CHRISTMAS WHEN WE SHARE IT

Purchase a gift from our online giving catalogue
www.toyandbook.thesmithfamily.com.au

It's quick and easy and allows The Smith Family to target those most in need.

The Smith Family is a national, independent children's charity helping disadvantaged young Australians to get the most out of their education, so they can create better futures for themselves.

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everyone's family

What is The Smith Family's Toy and Book Appeal?

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Our Toy & Book appeal is part of our Christmas 'Stocking Exchange' which provides gifts to children in need, allowing them to feel a sense of belonging this Christmas. Your generous gifts will help them acquire the skills and knowledge they need to build a better future.

Thank you for your generosity. After all, it's only Christmas when we share it.

The Smith Family has a long and proud association with Christmas. The organisation was founded in 1922 when five businessmen decided to deliver toys to orphans on Christmas Eve. Since then we have grown, developed and changed to meet the needs of an ever-changing society, but we still deliver toys and books to disadvantaged children at Christmas.

Donations

Currently we accept new toys, books and educational items for 0 – 12 year olds.

- All gifts received must not be wrapped
- All toys should be no bigger than a school backpack
- Please ensure batteries are included if they are required to operate the toy
- Ensure you are able to deliver your donated toys and books during the specified timeframe. Toys cannot be accepted outside of these collection periods. Due to limited resources The Smith Family is unable to pick-up toys and books.

Donations most needed

Currently there is a significant shortage of gifts for children 9 - 12 years of age. Your donation to these age categories would be greatly appreciated.

Items we don't accept

- Large items i.e. bikes, hula-hoops, adult cricket bats, large doll houses, ride ons, tennis set
- Second hand or handmade toys
- Clothes and Manchester including costumes
- Toiletries – perfume, make-up
- Toys that replicate weapons i.e. guns, knives
- Religious items i.e. books, figurines
- Calendars & diaries
- Candles and lamps
- Adult games or videos
- Items used for marketing a brand or company i.e. fast food items/toys
- Breakable items i.e. porcelain dolls / tea sets
- Items that contain liquid
- Food
- CD's and video games

Donation Recommendations

Please find below a guide to appropriate toys and books for each age group.

Please ensure you check the age suitability on the packaging before purchasing. Remember we have a significant shortage in the 9-12 age categories.

4-5	• Baby dolls • Matchbox cars • Plastic kitchen sets • Picture books with few words • Barbie doll or My Little Pony sets • Figurines • Easy jigsaw puzzles • Activity and colouring books • Young reader books	**6-8**	• Art, craft and bead sets • Jigsaw puzzles • Board games • Remote control cars • Lego • Action Figurines • Kite, Frisbee and Yo yo's • Sporting goods • Simple chapter books with large text
9-12	• Art and craft sets • Educational games • Sports balls • Science kits • Jigsaw puzzles		• Meccano kits • Beach sporting goods • Children's novels • Remote control cars • Board games • 'Tween' or pre-teen novels

Remember: Fun, versatile, activity based, long lasting, educational or active.

Thanks! for your Support!!