



## 2020 Holiday Giving Community Guide



We are extremely grateful for the amazing generosity of Howard County residents, groups, schools, businesses, and faith congregations to help us support community families and individuals in need of personal goods. Due to ongoing safety concerns related to the coronavirus COVID-19 we are changing how we collect and distribute these donations and are requesting **gift cards only** for holiday giving gifts this year.



We traditionally provide gifts for about 80 families each year including more than 100 children. **Gift cards in \$10, \$20, \$25 or \$50 amounts from Walmart, Target and Amazon** (physical cards only, no digital cards) would allow individuals to select toys, clothing and accessories for their families.

In order to allocate these gifts in a timely manner to our community residents we are asking for the cards to be delivered by **December 15, 2020**.

Delivery options include:

- Dropping off your donation with a staff member at our building at 6700 Freetown Road, Columbia 21044 *or*
- Mailing the gifts to that address. Please include a note with your gift marked "Holiday Giving."

In addition, we can also use gift cards for grocery stores and gas stations throughout the year to assist community members in need, particularly during these uncertain times.



We want you to know that we record incoming and outgoing gift cards for accountability and auditing purposes. For more information or to coordinate gift card deliveries please contact Monteith Mitchell, Volunteer Coordinator, at [mont@grassrootscrisis.org](mailto:mont@grassrootscrisis.org) or (410) 531-6006.