

TOY DRIVE REMINDER

This notice is a friendly reminder that our toy drive is **Saturday, December 14, 2019**. Our recipients this year are Our Lady Catholic Academy, a Catholic school in Richmond Hill, Here We Grow Daycare II Inc. in South Ozone Park, and St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church in Whitestone. There are over 200 children this year, ages **newborn - 12**. **No child is needy. Stuffed animals (no smaller than eight inches or preferably larger), dolls, toys without small parts for the younger children, musical instruments, play doh, craft kits, games, puzzles without a lot of pieces, and art supplies will work. Consider aesthetics, safety, appropriateness, and simplicity. "A thing of beauty is a joy forever." Let's aim to give at least 200 toys to make all the children happy. Anything high tech, toy weapons, cds, dvds, batteries, and plastic and painted (think lead based from China) are not recommended. Please keep all toys unwrapped and tags unremoved. Price stickers should be removed also. Throw out all receipts from plastic bags. NEW toys are strongly advised by yours truly. Strive to give quality. Give a gift you would want to receive if you were a child.**

I hope more people are inspired to give this year. The gifts last year were really appreciated.

Suggested Stores to Shop in Queens and Manhattan

Target

T.J. Maxx, Marshall's, Home Goods

Century 21

Papyrus

Cosmetic Market (not just cosmetics) – 15 East 37th St. btwn 5th & Madison Ave.

Various good card & stationery stores such as Hallmark

Be adventurous and explore. Experience the joy of shopping. **Be generous.**

Suggested cost per toy: **\$5– 10+**

Happy Shopping,

Michelle