



2022 Holiday Gift-Giving Project for Early School through Grade 10

The giving of holiday gifts to those who are less fortunate has been a tradition at Ashley Hall for many years. It is a beautiful reminder to our students that we can help bring joy to others through our generosity. This year, as we have done each year since 1999, we will distribute gifts at Chicora Elementary School in North Charleston where over ninety percent of the population is at or below poverty level. Families like those at Chicora have to make difficult decisions with their limited resources, and the extra expense of holiday celebrations may be out of the question.

The children at Chicora Elementary School range from 6- to 11-years-old, and we want them to have new gifts that will convey our holiday spirit. While all gifts are appreciated, it is requested that you consider the following:

- **Items in high demand:** Action figures, board games, basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, art/craft sets, remote control cars, LEGOs, books, and Hot Wheel sets. It is requested that there be no video games or electronics and that if you bring a toy that requires batteries, that you include batteries as part of your donation.
- **New clothing in sizes 6-16:** Socks, underwear, pajamas, and school uniform clothing (navy or khaki bottoms, and collared shirts in the following colors: light blue, navy, burgundy, red) are especially needed.

All gifts should be brought to school for collection on the following dates:

- **Thursday, December 1** | Early School, Lower School, and Intermediate Program
- **Thursday, December 8** | Upper School Grades 7-10

Once your donations are made, the items are taken to a warehouse where they are sorted and assembled. Because adult volunteers who work with this project are in close contact with Chicora teachers who provide specific information about each individual child, a meaningful package can be assembled for every special gift recipient. I have had the privilege of being involved with Ashley Hall as both a teacher and the Director of the Early Childhood Center for many years, and I have always admired the generosity of our Ashley Hall community in supporting our Chicora friends.

Happy Holidays!

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