



# Help the Vogel Alcove stock The Store!

December – a time of joyful celebration of holidays and gift giving – can be an especially difficult time for homeless parents and their children. For 22 years, the Vogel Alcove has worked to make that holiday time less stressful for the families we serve by hosting a Holiday Store. Parents are invited to “shop” for gifts for their children at this Holiday Store at no cost to them. The gifts of toys and clothing are items that have been donated by generous individuals, corporations, schools, service clubs, churches and synagogues throughout the city.

We are now collecting these donated items to display in our Holiday Store on **Thursday, December 17, 2009**. Please consider participating in this happy event, either by your generous donation of new toys and/or clothing, donation of gift cards or money with which staff can purchase items for the store or by volunteering on the day of the store to assist parents as they do their shopping. We request that donated items be received here at the Alcove by [Tuesday, December 15](#). Items may be brought to the Alcove anytime Monday through Friday from 9am-5pm.

Suggested age-appropriate items are listed below as well as most-requested sizes of clothing. For more information or to schedule a time on December 17 to volunteer, please contact **Charline Feris, Director of Volunteers at 214-565-9706 or email her at [cferis@vogelalcove.org](mailto:cferis@vogelalcove.org)**.

**INFANTS: (6 weeks to 13 months of age):** crib toys, rattles, busy boxes, shape sorters, pop-up toys, mobiles, soft blocks, soft fabric books and small board books, plush toys and stuffed animals without removable parts.

**YOUNG TODDLERS: (14 months – 23 months):** Baby dolls (boys and girls), heavy-duty trucks, shape sorters, musical toys, push or pull toys, dishes, soft cover and board books, stuffed animals, simple two or three-piece puzzles.

**OLDER TODDLERS: (2 years – 3 years):** Baby dolls (boys and girls), heavy duty trucks or other vehicles, airport and garage sets, animal planet sets, fire station and farm sets, large building blocks/ Legos, dress-up sets, 4-piece wooden puzzles, kitchenware sets, balls, stuffed animals.

**PRE-SCHOOLERS: (3 years – 6 years):** Car and truck sets, airport, fire station, farm, animal planet sets, heavy-duty trucks, cars, planes; large Legos, Maga Doodles, kitchenware and dish sets, dress-up clothes (boys and girls), dolls (ethnic dolls especially welcome), balls, simple games, puzzles and books.

## **NEW CLOTHING IN THE FOLLOWING SIZES:**

**Two-piece washable knits and sweatsuits**

**Coats**

**Hats and gloves**

**Socks**

**Underwear**

**Pajamas**

**18 months-7 years**

**6 months-8year**

**Infants-size large**

**6months-6X**

**2T-6X**

**12months-6X**

# The children of the Vogel Alcove thank you!