# Donations Sought To Aid Holston Home At Christmas

It's not too late to give the experience of a real Christmas to a boy or girl at Holston United Methodist Home for Children this year.

The Greeneville-based children's agency will serve as a "home for the holidays" for almost 60 boys and girls who are being cared for in Holston Home's residential group homes.

"Many of the young people will experience warmth and love this season in a way they have never known thanks to people like you who care about them,"

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Holston Home officials note in a news release.

"Cash donations allow us to make sure each youngster receives a gift, because we will have several children who will arrive right at Christmastime and do not know yet what they would need or would like," said Gayle Mrock, Holston Home's vice president of program services, in the release.

"Children come at all times of the year, but it's especially stressful at Christmas," Mrock added.

Wal-Mart gift cards can help provide the right things at the right times for the boys and girls at Holston Home, too. Other helpful gift ideas include new clothing, blankets and stuffed animals, she said.

"Even if a boy or girl comes to us on Christmas Eve, we want to make sure that they are included," added Mrock. "No one is left out."

General donations such as cash and gift cards provide the most flexibility to take care of all late arrivals.

For more information, contact Sue Bernier, resource development coordinator, at 423-787-8753. Checks and gift cards may be mailed to P.O. Box 188, Greeneville, TN 37744.