Community Wish List

updated 09/14/2026

Memory Makers

- ☐ Bound Journals (no staples and no spiral bindings)
- ☐ Bound Scrapbooks(no spiral bindings)
- ☐ Bound Photo albums (no spiral bindings)

Art Materials (Cannot Accept ANY Spiral Bindings)

- ☐ Craft project books & kits(no spiral bindings or sharpeners)
- ☐ Acrylic paint, paint brushes
- ☐ Drawing paper/Sketch books (no spiral bindings)
- ☐ Fluorescent 8 1/2 x 11 printer paper
- ☐ Canvas Boards only, any size (no wood, no staples)
- ☐ Model Magic by Crayola, Slime, Scented Putty/Play Dough
- ☐ Paint Markers
- ☐ Paint by Stickers, Washi tape, Regular Stickers
- ☐ Diamond Art craft kit, Seasonal Foam Crafts
- ☐ Blank Greeting Cards
- ☐ New yarn (any color), Plastic Canvas for projects

Entertainment / Music

- ☐ DVD's **(rated G, PG or PG-13)**
- ☐ Blue Tooth Headphones
- ☐ DVD Players-Personal
- ☐ Musical Instruments: ukelele, keyboard
- ☐ mp3 players, small portable mp3 chargers, mini speakers Bluetooth w/auxcord- ask for printout for both

Gift Cards

☐ Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Bath & Body Works, DollarGeneral,Visa/Mastercard, FiveBelow, Foot Locker, Marshalls, Michael's, Ocean State Job Lot, Target, TJ Maxx,Wal-Mart.

Books (ages-13-17)

- ☐ Fiction and nonfiction; easy reader to best sellers
- ☐ Books for teens by African American/Hispanic authors
- ☐ Bilingual books in Spanish and English
- ☐ Action Books from popular series
- ☐ How-to-draw
- ☐ Graphic Novels(teen) & Anime Graphic Novels
- ☐ Word Finds/Hidden Pictures
- ☐ Mandala and Inspirational coloring book(Teen)

Accessories

- ☐ Mini plastic handheld fans
- ☐ Beach Towels/Swim Goggles/Beach Balls

Clothing (New Only)

- ☐ Jeans and men & women's clothing
- ☐ Baseball hats with logo - snap back
- ☐ Clothes with sports team logos/ jerseys
- ☐ Winter hats and gloves (NO SCARFS)
- ☐ Ankle socks
- ☐ Crocs- All sizes (5/6, 7/8, 8/9, 9/10) & Jibbits

Health & Beauty

- ☐ Lip Gloss & Lip Balms (for him and her)
- ☐ Lotions- for him and her (all sizes- travel sizes too)
- ☐ Shampoo, conditioner, gels, hair spray (non-aerosol)
- ☐ Combs/Brushes/Cosmetic Brushes(no metal)
- ☐ Hair Straighteners/Curling Irons
- ☐ Ethnic Hair Products: Cantu, Mielle, Shea Moisture, Mixed Chicks
- ☐ Personal towels/wash cloths/Body Wash/Shower gel
- ☐ Makeup (No makeup with mirrors can be accepted)

(Non-Aerosol products only, NO GLASS)

Computers / Software

☐ Nintendo Switch. Wii, PS4 games - Dance Videos, sports games, (**rated Everyone)**

Sports and Sports Equipment

- ☐ Bicycle helmets
- ☐ Basketballs, volleyballs, nerf balls, Play/*Kick* Balls
- ☐ Ping pong paddles, balls, net set
- ☐ Pickle Ball paddles and balls
- ☐ Badminton racquets

Toys

- ☐ Lego kits (for older youth)
- ☐ Model car kits SNAP TOGETHER ONLY (no giue)
- ☐ Games: UNO, decks of cards and Skip-Bo, Phase 10 card games, Banana grams,Clue, Blank Slate, Scattergories, Chess,Guesstures, Taco,cat, goat,cheese pizza game, Reverse Charades, Telestrations, 5 second Rule, Tapple, Jeopardy, Family Feud
- ☐ Puzzles (250, 300, 500)
- ☐ Batteries – AA, AAA
- ☐ Stress toys/Fidgets (Pop Its, Squish balls)
- ☐ Puzzle mat and/or trifold board for puzzles

Bedding

- ☐ Fleece Blanket kits **Size "72 x 60"ONLY PLEASE**
- ☐ Squishmallows (pillow)

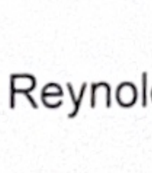
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Donations benefit youth in need and are tax deductible. (Internal Revenue Services Codes, Sec. 170)

Our Kids

Our facility provides brief hospital treatment, residential care, and educational instruction for abused and neglected youth between the ages of 13 and 17. Youth come to the facility from all over the state.

About the Youth



- Approximately 74 youth; boys and girls
- Most are 13 to 17 years old; average age is 16.
- **Many wear large clothes: Adult sizes M, L, XL or XXL**
- Most youth stay with us from three –six months.
- About 150 youth stay at the facility each year.

About Donations (please, new items only)

- Donations from individuals, community organizations and businesses play an important part in meeting the growing needs of our youth.
- Donations are tax deductible. (Internal Revenue Services Codes, Sec. 170)
- Donations should NOT be gift-wrapped.
- Youth Specific Holiday gifts are most helpful if received by **December 11, 2026.**
- Donations may be brought to the facility by contacting one of the committee members.
- Cash donations may be made to the Albert J Solnit Center –South Campus, Trustee Account
- For information, please contact; Rachel Correll 860-704-4160, rachel.correll@ct.gov ; Margery Reynolds 860-704-4091, margery.reynolds@ct.gov

Please do not include items that contain alcohol, sharps, glass, or aerosol cans



Special Projects

Contribute to the Children's Trustee Fund

Donations to this fund are used solely for the benefit our youth for activities, supplies, or equipment which the State of Connecticut's funds do not provide, for example field trips, excursions to the movies, or birthday parties. Checks may be made payable to the Albert J Solnit Center - South Campus and in the memo: Trustee Account, sent to the address below.

Fleece Blankets

Fleece blanket kits **("72 x 60"ONLY PLEASE)** can be purchased at craft stores, such as Michael's and Amazon, for easy, no-sew assembly. A fleece blanket is given along with a "welcome basket" to give their room a personal touch on admission.

Make some "Welcome Baskets" 12x12 size baskets

Purchase hygiene baskets (Shower caddy - 12x12 size) Stuff them with supplies to give to the youth on first arrival. Add basic toiletries to ease the youth's transition to our facility. Baskets are needed in an assortment of colors suitable for boys and girls ages 13 - 17. Items can include toothbrush & travel case, toothpaste, wash cloth, body wash, regular size shampoo & conditioner, deodorant, lip balm/Chapstick, comb & brush, mandala coloring book(teen), crayons, deck of playing cards, Uno/Skipbo. Fidget/Stress Toys (Squish balls).