



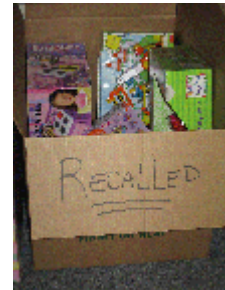
## Toy N Joy Makers needs your help!

Since 1914, Toy N Joy Makers has been providing toys for low-income Portland children. It probably comes as no surprise that the need for donations – both toys and dollars – is urgent this year.

During December 2007, toys were provided for 9,176 children – from almost 2,300 families – within Portland city limits. Dean Johnston, of Toy N Joy Makers, expects that an additional 800 families will ask for help this year.

There is a special need for infant toys (Fisher Price, Playskool) due to the large lead-based paint recall of toys last year.

There is also a need for toys for older (ages nine through 13) girls. Suggestions for this age group include craft kits (for example, jewelry making, beads, friendship bracelets), books, and games. Please do NOT donate make-up (even play make-up) or clothes.



More suggestions can be found at the [Toy N Joy Makers](http://toynjoymakers.org) site. Toy donations may be dropped off at any Portland Fire & Rescue station.

Dollar donations are also appreciated, because Toy N Joy Makers can work directly with wholesalers to purchase toys at lower cost. Toy N Joy Makers is a charitable (501(c)(3)) organization, so donations are tax deductible. Fully 98% of donations go directly into providing toys for children; less than two percent goes to overhead.



And that leads to another way you can contribute to Toy N Joy Makers: volunteer. Toy N Joy Makers relies on volunteers to take calls from parents, input requests into the computer, restock shelves, and put orders together for pick up. People who want to volunteer should contact Toy N Joy Makers directly, at [info@toynjoymakers.org](mailto:info@toynjoymakers.org) or at 503-823-0922 during normal business hours.

Parents and legal guardians may request toys for children aged infant through age 13 by contacting the Toy N Joy Makers at 503-823-0922.