

Holiday Project collects sporting goods for local youth

Tis the season for the first ever Holiday Project sporting equipment collection drive, the Project's first major effort to collect highly-demanded sporting goods for youth served by the Office of Children, Youth and Families (CYF).

"Items like footballs, hockey sticks and other sporting goods frequently top the wish lists of our children, but not enough are donated during the holiday season to fulfill the need," Ondrea Burton, DHS events manager stated. "During this time of year, donors and organizations are not necessarily thinking about the holidays, but have the ability and desire to give back to their community in a meaningful way. We are pleased to offer this drive as a unique option for our generous community partners, and look forward to sharing a variety of sporting goods with our youth this holiday season."

The project is accepting donations of new sporting goods such as balls, fishing rods, roller blades, helmets, sleds, hula hoops, yoga mats and bikes. Donations are being collected at five sites across the county including the Human Services Building, the Allegheny County Courthouse, Market Square, South Park and Hartwood Acres. Drop off dates and times are available on the [DHS Holiday Project website](#).

Although the official sporting equipment collection drive is only being held through September 4, sporting goods can be donated year-round. For more information regarding the drive or Holiday Project, contact EventsandDonationsTeam@alleghenycounty.us.