



# 'Tis the Season To Be Good

Here are some local charities that could use your help this holiday season

### Pru Events

The Shops at the Prudential Center are collecting toys through Monday, December 21 to benefit the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families Kids Fund. New and unwrapped toys, books and clothing may be dropped off in the center court from 10 am to 9 pm. Another charitable effort at the Pru is a Giving Tree to benefit The Franciscan Hospital for Children. Choose a child from the tree at the customer service desk and fulfill their holiday gift wish. Through Thursday, December 24 the Pru is also offering free gift wrapping with donations encouraged to benefit participating community groups. For more information visit prudentialcenter.com.

### Toy Drives

Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) is holding a toy drive. Gifts less than \$20 should be unwrapped, nonviolent in nature and be for newborns to age 14. Donations may be dropped off at ABCD offices at 19 Temple Place, 150 Staniford Street, 105 Chauncy Street and 178 Tremont Street or at Wainwright Bank locations. For suggested toys and other drop-off locations, visit [bostonabcd.org/events/toy-drive](http://bostonabcd.org/events/toy-drive) or call 348-6559.

The Home for Little Wanderers is accepting new toys, electronics, sporting goods, clothing, school supplies, household items and gift cards for children and families for its annual Big Wishes Toy Drive. Gifts can be delivered to The Toy Room, Knight Children's Center, 161 South Huntington Avenue in Jamaica Plain through Tuesday, December 22. Donations can also be dropped off at select Coldwell Banker Residential offices. For a complete

list of drop-off sites or more information about items to donate, visit [thhome.org](http://thhome.org) or call 437-8538. Another opportunity to give is during an online auction through Sunday, December 13.

### Coat Drive

Barbour, in partnership with One Warm Coat, is hosting a coat drive through Saturday, December 26 to benefit Boston Healthcare for the Homeless. Located at 134 Newbury Street, Barbour is offering 25 percent off the purchase of a jacket for each coat donated. For more information call 375-7829.

### Holiday Cards

Project Place is offering for sale holiday greeting cards with images by a local artist. Each set of 5 is \$10. Customized options are also available. Proceeds benefit Project Place's work to help people transition out of homelessness. For more information visit [projectplace.org](http://projectplace.org) or call 542-3740.

Pine Street Inn is offering for sale holiday greeting cards with images by Boston artists. Cards are packaged in sets of 10 for \$15, including shipping and handling. Customized and large quantities are also available. Proceeds benefit the Pine Street Inn's services for homeless people. To place an order call 892-9178 or visit [pinestreetinn.org](http://pinestreetinn.org).

Friends of Boston's Homeless is offering for sale holiday greetings cards with Boston Scenes by Sidewalk Sam. Cards are \$1 each and may be personalized for orders of 100 or more. E-cards are also available. Proceeds benefit the nonprofit's programs to help people move beyond shelter to live independent lives. To place an order visit [fobh.org](http://fobh.org) or call 534-2526.