

Each year the Wills Creek community comes together to celebrate the holiday season while also helping others in our community. This year we chose to partner with Ishtar House, an organization helping women and children transition from violent and abusive situations.

Ishtar relies on generous donations to provide free goods and services to women and children who have experienced violence. One of the ways they distribute donations to women and their children is through their free store, Isabelle's Boutique where women can select items they need at no charge. Ishtar also tries to provide start up hampers to women leaving the Transition Houses, consisting of items such as: non-perishable foods items, toilet paper, dish soap, laundry detergent and other household cleaners.

Ishtar House is grateful for all donations, but if you are interested in donating items, below are some of the most common wish list items:

- Bath sets, new unopened makeup and hygiene items for women (i.e. feminine products, shampoo/conditioner, body wash, bubble bath, hair products, combs/brushes)
- Hygiene items for children (no tears shampoo, bubble bath, toothpaste/toothbrushes)
- New and clean gently used clothing for women and children
- Pajamas for women and children especially size 3T and up
- Slippers, bath robes, underwear and socks for women and children
- Gift cards (i.e. grocery stores, gas cards, movies, restaurants, coffee shops)
- Umbrellas, hats, gloves, scarves
- Baby monitors, bedside lamps, clock radios
- Purses, backpacks, duffel bags and small luggage
- Pots and pans, dishes, cutlery, glasses, mugs, tea pots,
- Coffee makers, toasters, toaster ovens, crock pots

We will be collecting items for donation at our Wills Creek Christmas Social on Sunday Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> and thank you in advance for your generous support – your contributions will make a difference in the lives of many women and children this Christmas season.