



## 2017 Holiday Wish List

**Once again Twirl to the World is supporting two local child-serving organizations.**

**YMCA's Parents As Teachers** program services families with children ages birth to five; the program provides home visiting services to help children develop optimally during the crucial years of early life.

**Healthy Families Mecklenburg** serves families with children ages birth to three; the program provides home visiting to at-risk parents beginning prenatally to ensure healthy pregnancy and birth experiences.

All enrolled families are of low socioeconomic circumstances and struggle to meet their young child's basic needs. The program has identified 175 children (**115** - ages birth to three and **60** - ages three to five)

Please use the following list to shop at **any** online or local store that carries toys for children, ages birth to 5 years old. (Amazon, Toys & Co., Target, Wal-Mart, Toys R Us).

### **Ideas for Developmental Toys priced \$20 - \$30 include:**

1. Sensory ball packs
2. Push toys (musical walkers, strollers, lawnmowers etc.)
3. Pull toys (toys with strings)
4. Dressing Dolls (K Kids, Dressy Betsy or Alex)
5. Bath Toys
6. Play Mobile toys
7. Duplo Legos (toddler starter sets)
8. Blocks (stacking blocks, bristle blocks, tinker toys)
9. My First Dolly (racially diverse population – Hispanic, African American, Caucasian)
10. Wagons, tricycles, scooters
11. Costumes for pretend play

### **Ideas for games include:**

1. Think Fun's Roll & Play
1. Peaceable Kingdom
2. Memory
3. Go Fish
4. Candy Land
5. Hungry, Hungry Hippo
6. Operation

**Books suggestions include:** board or cloth books for babies, and fun young child readers for toddlers. (Alphabet, Baby Animals, Shapes, Colors)