

## How to fill your Angel

We get a lot of questions about the requested items written on the angel tags...here are a few helpful notes and tips when it comes to gifting for your angel!

- 1) The Salvation Army is not permitted to lead the child when they do the gift interview. They are required to write down whatever the child requests (or the parent, if the child is too young to vocalize). So it's common to see "wish list" items that might be out of your comfort range or budget. That's okay! That's why they supply clothing sizes and other things so you have plenty of options. Remember that this is the child's equivalent to writing a letter to Santa Claus, so they are writing out their wishes and dreams just as our own children do. And just like we do for our own children, you buy what you think is appropriate and fits your budget.
- 2) Here's a sample rule of thumb for gifting for angels: choose two smaller toys/gifts or one large gift and then coats, hats, gloves and clothing items. If you're stuck with what to get, this formula works very well.
- 3) If you're getting a bike or scooter for a child, <u>don't forget the helmet!!</u> Safety first! Also, if you're buying toys or electronics that require batteries, we ask that you provide those as well.

Thanks everyone for all your efforts!!! This is such a worthy endeavor! We are blessed to be a part of it with you!