

WISH LIST

*Cunningham provides a safe community,
a good education, and a place to call home.*

We all want and need the same things—love, security, connection—but we haven't all had the same opportunities. At Cunningham Children's Home, we give **HOPE** to those who need it most—youth who face serious emotional and behavioral challenges.

*Although we appreciate the gesture, due to limited storage space we **regretfully cannot accept** donations of used clothing, shoes, toys, stuffed animals or housewares. Questions? Please contact **Ginger McKee** at gmckee@cunninghamhome.org or 217.337.9074.*

Housekeeping

dishcloths / towels / soap
toaster
XL twin sheet sets / pillows
bath towels & washcloths
plastic storage bins
spray & wash- stain remover
zippered twin plastic mattress covers
cooking utensils
pots & pans

CLOTHING

*men's t-style crew neck undershirts
(sizes M,L,XL,XXL)
*men's white crew & ankle socks
*men's boxers (sizes S,M,L,XL, XX)
women's white socks
women's underwear (sizes 5 - 9)
sweatshirts and pants (L,XL,XXL)
terry cloth bath robes (L,XL, XXL)

ARTS & CRAFTS

*rainbow looms
*car & airplane models
*fuzzy posters
construction paper
sketch books (8 x 10 or larger)
craft kits and bead kits
beginner sewing kits
latch hook kits
crochet supplies
acrylic paints
posterboard
scrap-booking supplies

RECREATION

*men's swimtrunks (ages 10-21)
*men's heavy winter gloves
*footballs and basketballs
sunscreen / bug repellent
adult size baseball gloves
pool toys / goggles
Legos

*** Items of
greatest need**

Health Care

cool mist humidifiers / vaporizers
alcohol free mouthwash
band-aids
ace bandages
Ibuprofen
gauze squares / first aid tape
antibiotic ointment
cough drops
digital thermometers

PERSONAL CARE

*body wash
* hair picks
*wave brushes / paddle brushes
*boy's shampoo / conditioner
(no fruit / flower scents)
*African American hair care products
(Gold Magic, Motions, Pink, Ampro)
*solid deodorant (no spray or roll-on)
*sanitary napkins / tampons
bar soap
body lotion
combs
flat irons
cotton balls

CAMERAS & ELECTRONICS

*batteries: AAA, AA, C, D, and 9-Volt
*hand held electronic games
*disposable cameras
*inexpensive CD players/MP3 players

SCHOOL NEEDS

*black Bic pens
*zippered binders
teen / young adult backpacks
scissors (6" only)
3 - hole pencil pouches
fancy pencils
current USA Atlas & World Atlas
math games
sugar free gum
mechanical pencils
blue and red Bic pens
small pencil boxes

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Newcomer Kit

(approximately \$85)

Young people arriving at Cunningham often times have been removed from their family and have few personal possessions. A "Newcomer Kit" is a child's physical welcome to a new and unfamiliar place.

- alarm clock
- back pack or book bag (for teen)
- laundry basket - large
- twin sheet set & pillow
- journal & gel pens
- plastic travel soap dish
- toothbrush & travel toothbrush holder
- 2 large bath towels , washcloths, and hand towels
- shampoo & conditioner
- body lotion
- hair brush / comb
- solid deodorant
- sanitary pads

Let's go shopping!

Gift Cards are easy to buy, easy to send through the mail, and easy for us to store. Since Cunningham is a tax exempt organization, our kids can shop tax free, so your donation buys even more!

Please consider donating a **gift card** or **gift certificate** from:

- **General:** Walmart, Target, Meijer, Amazon.com, Dollar Tree
- **Restaurants:** Dairy Queen, McDonald's, Pizza Hut, Arby's, Taco Bell, Dominos, KFC, Culver's, Hardee's, Burger King, Monical's, Wendy's, Steak and Shake
- **Clothing:** Kohl's, Gordmans, Market Place Mall-Champaign
- **Entertainment:** Toys R Us, Movie Theatres, Best Buy, iTunes

Independent Living Opportunities (ILO)

Helping young people make the transition to adulthood.

The Independent Living Opportunities program teaches young adults between the ages of 19 to 21 self-sufficiency and independence while they live on their own in the community. Males and females who are DCFS wards and/or DJJ clients are eligible. Youth must either have completed high school with a diploma or earned a GED. Participants attend junior college or avocational training program and are employed either independently or through our partnerships with community businesses.

Caseworkers are available for support and guidance, with the ultimate goal of launching participants to independence.

Pregnant and Parenting Teens Program (PPT)

Part of our Independent Living Program with additional supports for single mothers between the ages of 19 to 21 and their children. DCFS wards or DJJ clients are eligible.

Program Services

Therapy Services: Accessed through community resources with the assistance of Cunningham Children's Home staff.

Independent Living Skills Training and Housing/Financial Assistance:

Cunningham staff teach independent living skills including cooking, housekeeping, laundry, hygiene, money management, social skills, sexual education, tenancy issues and basic legal skills. Cunningham helps locate and maintain housing and may provide monthly financial assistance to assist with rent, utilities and some necessities.



employment. Program participants also receive educational support to help them attend college and/or receive vocational training.

Medical, Dental, and Recreational Opportunities: Accessed through community resources with the assistance of Cunningham Children's Home staff. A Cunningham staff nurse is available to give guidance in health and safety issues.

Parenting Skills and Support: Participants in the Pregnant and Parenting Teen Program receive guidance in locating licensed day care within the community to care for their child(ren) while the mother is at work or attends school. Parenting skills are developed through education and training provided by Cunningham staff. Other ILO clients who are non-custodial parents are supported by case workers to maintain a positive parenting relationship with their child(ren).

ILO Start-up Kit (approximately \$170)

An "Independent Living Start-up Kit" is given to our kids to help foster their independence as they become more self-sufficient and move into new housing.

- dish towels / cloths
- dishwashing liquid
- toilet bowl cleaner and brush
- Windex, Ajax or Mr. Clean
- dust pan, broom, wet mop and mop bucket
- toilet tissue, paper towels, kleenex and napkins
- Plastic scouring pads
- trash cans and trash bags for kitchen and bathroom
- Ziplock bags, tin foil and plastic wrap
- dishes and drinking glasses
- cooking utensils & silverware
- pots and pans set
- can opener, potato peeler, pizza cutter and ice cream scoop
- measuring cups and spoons
- storage containers
- shower curtain
- bath towel sets (with large towels)
- full size sheet set and 2 pillows
- laundry detergent

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