



Media Advisory

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Franklin County Children Services Holiday Wish and the Malaika Mentoring Program celebrate the 7th year of Black Girl Magic with a Toy Drop-off



Columbus, Ohio- On Wednesday, December 7, the 7th annual **Black Girl Magic Toy Drive** will kick off with a toy drop-off. We are asking the public to drop off culturally specific gifts including: ethnic dolls, STEM/STEAM items, books featuring African Americans or multi-cultural characters, ethnic hair, and skin care products. Join Holiday Wish and the Malaika (Meh-LIKE-a) Mentoring program as they celebrate self-love and acceptance for girls of color under the care of Franklin County Children Services.

Items can be dropped off at **The Que Studio, 1278 E. Main Street from 6pm-8pm, Wednesday, December 7th**. Children Services believes ALL children should receive gifts that celebrate their culture. Black Girl Magic was created as a culturally specific gift program under Holiday Wish to assist in receiving gifts for our children of color, specifically girls between the ages of 8 and 11 to reflect their diversity and celebrate their uniqueness. This is a great opportunity for the community to support youth served by our agency. Come out and join us as we celebrate Black Girl Magic!

About Holiday Wish and Franklin County Children Services

Franklin County Children Services is a public agency mandated by law to protect and care for the county's abused, neglected and dependent children. For more than 50 years, the Holiday Wish program has been granting the wishes of children under the care of Children Services. For more information on Holiday Wish/Black Girl Magic visit <http://childrenservices.franklincountyohio.gov/how-to-help/black-girl-magic.cfm>

Call Holiday Wish at (614) 275-2525 or send an email to holidaywish@fccs.us.

Franklin County Children Services

Through collaboration with families and their communities, we advocate for the safety, permanency and well-being of each child we serve in a manner that honors family and culture.