Our club’s community service project for this year is the Cortland YWCA Holiday Assistance Program. We can make a direct impact on our community by buying needed gifts for over 100 local children whose Christmas would otherwise be pretty sparse. To participate is easy because it is set up as an online gift registry in which items for program participants are already listed. All you have to do is make your selection(s) and pay. Your order will be delivered to Mindy Gardner, the YWCA program director, for distribution to your recipient. (Note: If ordering online doesn’t work for you, you can go to the YWCA lobby to pick a child’s tag from the giving tree and follow instructions to provide them with a gift).

**PLEASE ORDER IN TIME FOR GIFTS TO ARRIVE BY DECEMBER 18.**

**STEPS:**

1. [Click here](cortlandywca.org) to go to the Cortland YWCA’s Mentoring Programs Holiday Assistance web page or go to cortlandywca.org, then choose “Mentoring Program Holiday Assistance.”

2. Select #2: “Bridges for Kids Holiday Assistance Amazon Wish List.”

3. The Amazon Wish List has pictures of over 100 items, both toys and clothing. They already have sizes and colors chosen for clothing. I did find that if an item has "see all buying options" below it that the options are not called out. Therefore, I suggest ignoring those and picking something else. You can select as many items as your budget and interest dictate. My problem is that it is hard to choose. I want to buy all the items!

4. When you go to your cart to check out, under “Choose a Shipping Address,” select “Melinda Anne Gardner’s Gift Registry Address.” Then click the yellow “Use This Address” button.

5. On the next page under “Choose Gift Options,” in the Gift message box enter “Cornell Women’s Club of Cortland County.” Then click the yellow “Save gift options and continue” button.

6. Complete the checkout process.

7. Simple, but if you have questions, you can call me. Mindy will see your name from the order and should know you belong to our club if you entered that in the gift message box. I would appreciate it if you could also let me know that you participated (you do not have to tell me what/how much) so I can keep track of how many in the club found this a positive giving experience to see if we might want to repeat this project in the future.

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