



CRS COMMUNITY RESOURCE SERVICES

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Avon/Avon Lake Community Resource Services Newsletter

October, 2018

AVON WINS SOUPer BOWL!!



The ninth annual SOUPER Bowl Food Drive was held September 7th and AVON was crowned as this year's winner! Avon and Avon Lake together generously donated 6,953 pounds of food and \$9,937 in monetary donations! Since its inception in 2010, the SOUPER Bowl has collected 57,519 pounds of food and \$99,569! Thank you to everyone for participating to make this food drive such a great success!!

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

On Saturday, October 20th, the Girl Scouts will be collecting non-perishable food and paper products (if you receive their flyer and live in participating neighborhoods). Please be sure to put your blue bags of donations outside your front door with your flyer taped to it by 9:00 am.

Thank you for your participation and generosity!!

SPEVOCK'S BOWLING PARTY CONTEST WINNER!



FIGHTING TO END HUNGER ONE BOWL AT A TIME

The seventh annual Empty Bowls by the Lake fundraiser will be on Saturday, October 13th at the American Legion Post 211 in Avon Lake from 11am- 2pm.

Potters, crafters, educators, students and volunteers are working hard to create and donate handcrafted bowls. Local restaurants will donate soup and bread to serve. Guests are invited to a simple meal of soup and bread in exchange for a cash donation. They will also be able to keep one of the beautiful bowls as a reminder of all the 'empty bowls' in the world.

Thank you to Laura Kirchner, and her entire team. The Empty Bowls by the Lake group works tirelessly to make this event a success, and we are so very grateful to be one of the agencies to receive proceeds from the event.

The "Empty Bowls Project" is an international grassroots effort to raise both money and awareness in the



Throughout the month of September, we accepted "Moving Forward" entries to be considered to win the Spevock's Bowling Party for 10! Contestants gave examples of how they've been working to move forward in their lives, whether it be getting a new or an additional job, paying down debt, going back to school, etc. The lucky winner was chosen October 2nd and will enjoy a free bowling party for ten, free pizza and soft drinks, and a free game pass for a later date. Thank you so much to Jim and Joel Spevock for their wonderful generosity!!



CALLING ALL BELL RINGERS!

CRS will once again be partnering with the Salvation Army to ring the bell and staff the Salvation Army kettles this holiday season.

We are looking for volunteers to help us Monday through Saturday at Giant Eagle in Avon Lake, and Friday and Saturday at Wal-mart in Avon. This is a great volunteer opportunity for clubs, organizations and families looking for community service hours.

Please click on the links below to sign up:

GIANT EAGLE:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4AAAAA22A75-giant5>

fight to end hunger. The mission is to create positive and lasting change through the arts, education, and projects that build community.

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON IS UPON US!



Each of our holiday programs are donor driven, made possible by the generosity of community members, groups, churches, and businesses.

Want to get involved? Here's how:

Santa's Workshop provides a wonderful Christmas for our CRS families. Mom and/or Dad will be able to choose three things (a coat, a toy or wish list item, and pajamas) for each child in their family. Also, please remember our teens this time of year!

The Workshop is stocked from items donated through toy drives, coat drives, and individual donors.

We also provide a Family Basket to each family in an effort to provide families with a basket of items they can use (a Cleaning Basket or Personal Hygiene Basket) or would enjoy (Family Game Night Basket or Kitchen Basket). We'd love to expand this program and provide more useful items instead of more "stuff." These baskets are such a treat to families in need and more in line with the mission of CRS to provide basic needs assistance.

WAL-MART:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20FoB4AAAAA22A75-walmart5>

Or for more information, contact Kris Greene at 933.5639 or kgreene@aalcrs.org

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PEARL ANNIVERSARY GALA



CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF
SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

CRS is pleased to announce our Pearl Anniversary Gala, which will be held at LaCentre Conference Banquet Facility on Saturday, January 26, 2019. We will be celebrating 30 years of service to our community.

The Gala is our largest fundraiser of the year. Last year 416 guests helped raise more than \$74,000! This year's event will feature a sit down dinner, open bar, live music by **Almost Famous**, raffles, auctions and more! Invitations will be mailed during the first week of December, but tickets are on sale now at aalcrs.org.

Each year, the generosity of our sponsors, donors and guests help make this event a great success! Sponsorship and auction donation opportunities are available now. Please visit our website for more information and to see a full list of our 2018 sponsors and auction donors. Additional questions can be directed to Pam at 440-933-5639.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Need donation ideas? In mid-October, check out our website at aalcrs.org. If you have any questions regarding Christmas, or would like to know what we need most, please call Amy at the CRS office. Our office hours are weekdays from 10 AM to 2 PM and our phone number is 933-5639.

All donations for Christmas should be made by Monday, December 11th to be ready in time for Santa's Workshop. It's always helpful when we know what you would like to donate, so please call in advance. We can make arrangements for you to drop off your donation at our Christmas location at your convenience.

Thank you!

**ANNIVERSARY GALA
JEWELRY RAFFLE**



**SPONSORED BY PETER &
CO. JEWELERS**

These beautiful diamond stud earrings were hand-selected in Antwerp, Belgium by Theresia Oreskovic, owner of **Peter & Co. Jewelers** in Avon Lake.

Valued at \$6,500, these solitaire diamonds are mounted in a 3-prong setting with post and friction backs in 14k white gold. The natural diamonds are brilliant cut, with a total weight of 1.07 carats, color grade F, a clarity grade of SI with a laboratory report from the American Gem Society.

The Jewelry Raffle tickets are \$100



Thank you to everyone who either collected or donated school supplies and/or money to the CRS Back-to-School Readiness Program. Together we were able to send 245 kids back to school with backpacks filled with supplies, as well as gift cards to purchase school clothing and incidentals.

The success of this program is thanks to the generous community we live in and we are extremely grateful for all the support!

SUMMER LUNCHES & SNACK BAGS

This summer, CRS was once again proud to participate in a lunch program in Avon to make sure kids who are on free or reduced lunch throughout the school year have the same access to food throughout the summer.

Thanks to a collaboration between eight Avon churches, the Avon Board of Education, and a long list of generous community donors, a total of 80 to 100 lunches were provided each weekday all summer long!!

In addition to the lunches, volunteers interacted with the kids by playing games, teaching arts & crafts, reading and keeping the children current with school skills.

Another summer project at CRS involved the provision of snack bags. This is the sixth consecutive summer that we've been able to offer snack bags to our families with children in addition to their regular grocery distribution. Thanks to a collaboration of Avon Lake churches, we distributed to 521 children from 188 families. The bags were assembled by members of several Avon Lake churches and CRS volunteers from donations of specific kid-friendly items (i.e., canned pasta with meat, small servings of fruit, granola bars, macaroni and cheese, and juice boxes). Thank you to everyone who participated!

each and we will only be selling 100 tickets! They're on sale now at aalcrs.org. so buy yours soon before they sell out!

UCAN

As of September 1st, CRS will be representing the UCAN Collaborative in Avon and Avon Lake for the United Way of Lorain County. The purpose of this collaborative is to assure that resources are available year-round to residents of Greater Lorain County for rent, utilities or other emergency basic needs.

CRS joins the following agencies as part of this collaborative: Catholic Charities, Neighborhood Alliance, North Ridgeville Community Care, Oberlin Community Services, The Salvation Army, and the United Way of Greater Lorain County.

For more information about the collaborative, you may call the CRS office at 440.933.5639.

COMMUNITY THANKS

CRS has truly been blessed this summer with many donations of non-perishable items for our food pantry.

Thank you to the following businesses and organizations:

Avenbury Lakes-Ladies of the Lake, Avon Garden Club, Avon Lake Democrats, Avon Lake Community Garden, Avon Lake Garden Club, Avon Lake Early Childhood PTA, Avon Lake High School Hockey Team, Avon Lake Swim Team, Bead Warehouse, Christ Church Westshore,

These two efforts are awesome examples of what community partnership is all about!

Christian Brothers Automotive, Church of the Open Door, CVS-Avon Lake, Eastview Elementary School PTA, Girl Scout Troop #50743 Holy Spirit Church, Holy Trinity Parish, Hooks for Hunger Committee, Lakeshore United Methodist Church, Pete Polovich-The Scrapper Picker Upper, Smiles for Sophie, St. Joseph Church, and T-3 Performance, Westside Flea.

This is in addition to the many individuals who bring donations to the CRS office on a regular basis. We are so very grateful for all of the donations that help keep our food pantry well stocked and that help us continue our mission of People Helping People!

COMMUNITY LUNCH BUNCH

Avon Lake Presbyterian church invites you to a Free Community "Lunch Bunch" on the third Thursday of each month. This month it will be held on October 18th from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Let them treat you to a homemade lunch!

Everyone is welcome and please feel free to bring a friend. The church is located at 32340 Electric Blvd (Near Jaycox). No need for registration. For more information, call the church office at 933-6240.

Avon/Avon Lake Community Resource Services

Our Mission: Community Resource Services is a responsive, community-based organization whose mission is to diminish the effects of poverty in Avon and Avon Lake. We provide basic needs assistance and individualized resource and referral services in a compassionate and confidential manner.

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