



# CRS COMMUNITY RESOURCE SERVICES

Making a difference. Right here at home.



Avon/Avon Lake Community Resource Services Newsletter  
November, 2018

## SCOUTING FOR FOOD



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On Saturday, October 20th, the Avon Lake Girl Scouts collected 2,853 pounds of non-perishable food and paper products to help replenish the CRS pantry.

Thank you to everyone who donated and to the ALHS student volunteers who weighed all the food and began putting it on our shelves that day. Additional thanks to Harry and Jane Newman, our wonderful Tuesday volunteers, who finished the job later in

## 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:

the week!

We truly appreciate everyone's participation and 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>

### **WAL-MART:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4AAAAA22A75-walmart5>

Or for more information, contact Kris Greene at 933.5639 or [kgreene@aalcrs.org](mailto:kgreene@aalcrs.org)

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.

Need donation ideas? Check out our website at [aalcrs.org](http://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!



**THANK YOU TO OUR FRIENDS AT EMPTY BOWLS BY THE LAKE!**

## ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

It's that time of year again...time to consider a gift to the CRS Annual Giving Campaign. The campaign is underway, and you should have received information in the mail about how to make a donation to support our on-going programs. On-line donations are also accepted, and can be made through our website at [www.aalcrs.org](http://www.aalcrs.org).

All money that is raised stays right here in your community to help local families in need. For more information, please contact Susan Poole at 933.5639 ext. 408.

Thank you!!



We are so grateful to have such amazing community partners, including the Empty Bowls by the Lake team.

On Saturday, October 13th, the seventh annual Empty Bowls by the Lake fundraiser was held to benefit area agencies that are committed to fighting hunger in our community.

This week, CRS was presented with a check in the amount of \$5,000 from the proceeds of this event--wow!

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the event, all the restaurants who donated soup, all the volunteers who helped out that day, and to Laura Kirchner and her entire Empty Bowls team! This donation will go a long way to help those in need in Avon and Avon Lake!

CRS  
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](http://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.

## GIVING TUESDAY

Entering it's seventh year, Giving Tuesday is a global event, powered by social media and the generosity of people, to bring about real change in their communities.

On November 27th, please go to the Giving Tuesday website at [www.givingtuesday.org](http://www.givingtuesday.org) and consider making your gift to CRS.

## 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.**

Your gift helps those in need in the communities of Avon and Avon Lake.

Thank you for your generosity!

## COMMUNITY THANKS

CRS has truly been blessed this month with many donations of items for our food pantry. Thank you to the following businesses and organizations:

Avon Lake Cable TV, Avon Early Learning Center, Avon Girl Scout Leaders, Avon High School Drama & Choir Boosters, Avon Lake Community garden, Avon-on-the-Lake Club, Christ Church Westshore, Erie Outfitters, Eyring Movers, Mealey School of Music, Redwood Elementary School, The Scrap Picker Upper, and Westview Elementary School.

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!

**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 each and we will only be selling 100 tickets!** They're on sale now at [aalcrs.org](http://aalcrs.org). Be sure to buy yours soon before they sell out!

## 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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