

Information for Holiday Programs at CRS

Santa's Workshop

If you are interested in contributing to **Santa's Workshop** please call Amy at the CRS office (**440-224-4084**). The suggested items we would like to have for each child would be one coat, one age appropriate "wish" item (i.e. infant toy, board game, Barbie doll, basketball/football, Legos, video game, etc.) and one pair of pajamas. **Also, we are in great need of TEEN gifts this Holiday season! PLEASE NO WRAPPING NECESSARY!** We will have wrapping supplies available at **Santa's Workshop** for Mom and Dad to take home with them.

Family Basket

Family Baskets are a great way to help in a practical way. You can use your imagination and/or a reusable laundry basket to create any of the following:

- "Cleaning Basket" filled with household products;
- "Family Game Night Basket" filled with a board game, snacks, a DVD, etc.;
- "Personal Hygiene Basket" filled with shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, etc.;
- "Christmas Basket" filled with small decorations, stocking stuffers, wrapping paper, etc.;
- "Kitchen Basket" filled with kitchen towels, zip lock bags, foil, paper plates, etc.;
- "Towel Basket" filled with a new set of towels for a family of 4-6;
- "Baking Basket" filled with baking mixes, frosting, measuring cup/spoons, etc.;
- "Girl Basket" filled with shower gel, pony tail holders, lip gloss, nail polish, etc.;
- "Boy Basket" filled with sport socks, water bottle, flashlight, etc.;
- "Italian Night" filled with non-perishable groceries for spaghetti dinner.

These are only suggestions and while many of these items may not seem like something you would give for Christmas, they are very much appreciated and valuable to our CRS clients. **Please call Amy and let her know what type of basket you would like to fill!**

Fill the Gaps

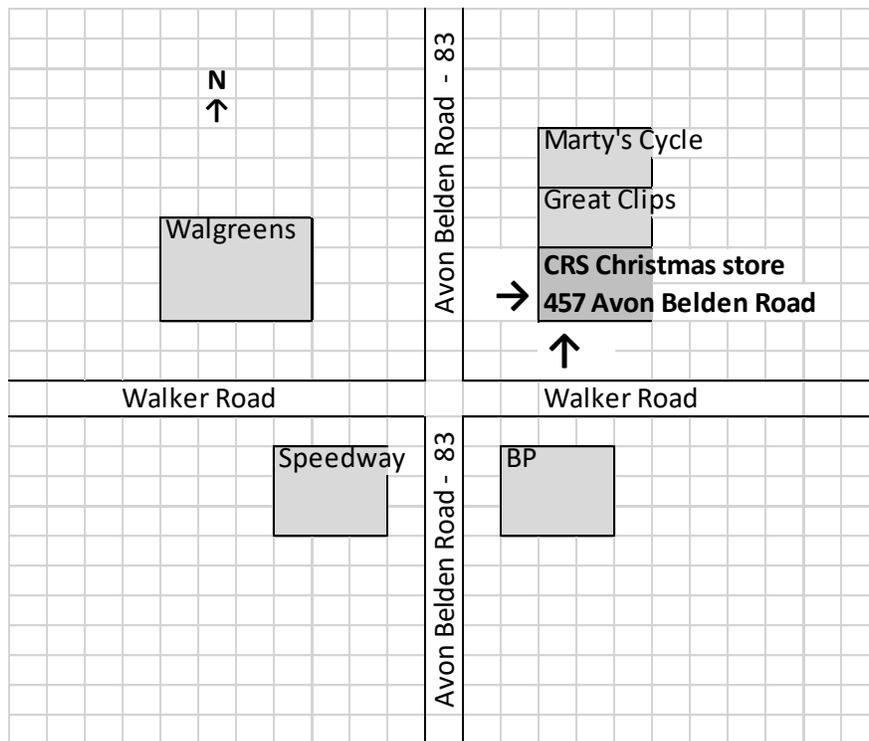
If you would like to contribute in a small but meaningful way, consider dropping off any item that we could use in Santa's Workshop for any one of the families we serve. Some items that families appreciate are a family movie, board game, or a book. **I am also looking for stocking stuffers for children 12 and under.**

Be Santa for a Senior

If you are interested in helping with seniors in our community, we have a list on our website (www.aalcrs.org) with some ideas or call Amy at the CRS office.

General Information

- Holiday donations will be accepted from Thursday November 21st from 10 AM to 2PM through Monday, December 9th from 10 AM to 2 PM. We will also be available on Saturday, December 7th from 10 AM to 2 PM.
- **Please let us know when you plan to deliver your donations.**
- All holiday donations should be dropped off at our **Christmas location-457 Avon Belden Road, Avon Lake.** Please note that this is a different location than last year!
- If you need to make special arrangements to drop off your donation, please call Amy at 440-224-4084.
- If your group or organization is interested in hosting a drive or collection of items, please call Amy.
- Gently used items that you would like to donate **will not be accepted** as a Christmas gift.
- All of our programs respect the confidentiality of our clients and donors.
- Thank you for your support of CRS and the families we serve.



Holiday Food Basket

All of our CRS families are given a Holiday Food Basket. If you would like, you can provide holiday non-perishable food and a Giant Eagle gift card (suggested amount \$25.00) for perishable groceries and a ham or turkey. It is helpful if these groceries are packed in a reusable laundry basket. Remember, we cannot store non-perishable groceries. Baskets should be packed for a family of 4 to 6 people. Some suggested items for your basket are as follows:

Instant Mashed Potatoes	Boxed Corn Bread
Canned Cranberries	Pie Filling, Pie Crust
Canned Vegetables	Canned Sweet Potatoes
Canned Sweet Potatoes	Boxed Stuffing
Cream Soups	Jar Gravy
Canned Fruit	Mac and Cheese
Jell-O/Pudding	Rice or other Side Dish

Please add the ingredients for anything you like to prepare with your holiday meal and the recipe if you would like.

Holiday Food Baskets will be distributed directly from the CRS office.

All baskets need to be delivered to the CRS office by Monday, December 9th, 2019 between 10 AM and 2 PM. Our office is located at 33479 Lake Road, Suite C (next door to the Dogg House Bar & Grille). If you need a different date or time, please call Amy and we will make arrangements at your convenience.