



Making a difference. Right here at home.



Avon/Avon Lake Community Resource Services Newsletter  
December, 2019

### 2019 ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN

It's that time of year again....time to consider a gift to the CRS Annual Fund.

Your donation will help support our mission of serving the needs of our neighbors in Avon and Avon Lake who are struggling financially. Your generosity will be put to work right here in your community.

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 raised stays right here in your community to help local families in need.

For more information, please contact Pam Ohradzansky at 933-5639. Thank you!



### Calling All Bell Ringers!

There are still some time slots available for volunteers to ring the Salvation Army Bell between now and Christmas Eve at the Avon Walmart and the Giant Eagle in Avon Lake.

Please click on either of the links below to sign up:

Avon Walmart: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4aaaaa22a75-avon>

Avon Lake Giant Eagle: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4aaaaa22a75-giant6>

Volunteer bell ringers are the difference between an empty kettle and one that raises the funds that sustain the help that is given all year long. If you have any questions, please call Kris, at 933-5639 or email her at [kgreene@aalcrs.org](mailto:kgreene@aalcrs.org). More details about bell ringing can be found at our website.

### CRS WINS!

The Ohio Division II Regional Finals football game was held on Friday, November 22 between rivals Avon and Avon Lake. The mayors and superintendents from both communities made a friendly wager before the game, including buying and eating lunch in the winning high school's cafeteria. Although Avon won the game, CRS was a winner too! CRS was pleased to receive checks in honor of Avon High School from Mayor Zilka and Superintendent Scott! This is an incredible way for our communities to show pride and sportsmanship while supporting a wonderful organization too.



### CRS CHARITY BALL January 25, 2020

Tickets are now on sale for the 31st Annual Charity Ball on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at



Avon Mayor Bryan Jensen, Avon Lake Mayor Greg Zilka, Avon Lake Superintendent Bob Scott and Avon Superintendent Mike Laub.

### Charity Ball Auction

Looking for a way to support CRS but not sure how? We're currently looking for auction items to include in our Silent Auction at the 2020 Charity Ball. The revenue generated from our auction is a big part of our event's success, and we're always looking for new and creative items to offer for auction. Wine baskets, restaurant gift cards, unique experiences - we love them all!

Sponsorship opportunities are still available at various levels of support as well. All sponsors receive special recognition at the event. Full details can be found on the Events page of our website.

For more information on how to get involved with the Charity Ball, please call Sheila Roth at 440-933-5639 or [sroth@aalcrs.org](mailto:sroth@aalcrs.org).

LaCentre Conference & Banquet Facility in Westlake.

This event is our largest fundraiser! In 2019 we raised over \$82,000 with 407 guests in attendance. The Charity Ball is black-tie optional and features an open bar, sit-down dinner, live music by The Midtown Band, dancing, auctions, raffles and many more ways to support CRS.

Please go to the Events tab at [www.aalcrs.org](http://www.aalcrs.org) for more information and to purchase your tickets!



### TROY STUDENTS LOOM PROJECT

Over 75 kids at Troy Elementary School in Avon Lake have participated in an ongoing project to benefit CRS - from looming, wrapping yarn, cutting and tying blankets, to making pompoms and tassels. A group of students recently visited the CRS office to deliver the beautiful hats and scarves which were given to Santa's Workshop. Thank you students!

JEWELRY RAFFLE



This stunning diamond cluster tennis bracelet with 3 carats of natural diamonds is created in 14k white gold. It has a total of 387 diamonds with color grade H, clarity grade SI. This bracelet, created by LOVEBRIGHT Collection, was selected by Theresia, owner of Peter & Co. Jewelers in Avon Lake.

Retail value \$6,690

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### Charity Ball Jewelry Raffle

Thank you to Peter & Co. Jewelers for donating this diamond tennis bracelet, valued at \$6,690! Tickets are now on sale at [www.aalcrs.org](http://www.aalcrs.org) or at Peter & Co. Jewelers, 32020 Walker Road in Avon Lake where this beautiful bracelet will be on display. Tickets are \$100 each and we will only be selling 100 tickets! The winner will be chosen at the Charity Ball on January 25, 2020. Winner need not be present.



Help raise funds for CRS while doing your online shopping!

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice.



### COMMUNITY THANKS

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

Avenbury Lakes - Ladies of the Lakes, Avon High School, Avon Lake Community Garden, Avon Lake Presbyterian Church, Boy Scouts Wolf Den 1 - Avon Pack 333, Christ Church Westshore, Christian Brothers Automotive, Cornerstone Preschools at Avon Lake Presbyterian Church, Erieview Kids in the Community, FMU Fitness, Holy Spirit Church, Jack & Jill Nursery School, Mealey School of Music, Psych BC, Redwood Elementary First Grade, St. Joseph Parish and Avon Lake Towne Center.

This is in addition to the many individuals who bring donations to the CRS office on a daily basis. We are so very grateful for all of the donations that help keep our food pantry well stocked. Thank you for making a difference, right here at home!



### LASH LOUNGE Rocky River Charity Ball Promotion!

Come to The Lash Lounge Rocky River to get a full set of eye lashes between now and the Charity Ball on Saturday, January 25, 2020. When you mention CRS at registration, The Lash Lounge will donate \$20 to CRS! Even if you are not attending the Charity Ball, you can still

It's easy to do: Log into smile.amazon.com using your same Amazon log-in information. You will be prompted to select a charitable organization. Select Avon Lake Community Resource Services!

participate in this promotion and support CRS by registering and receiving your eye lashes before January 25, 2020! Reservation Code #CRS2020

### **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.

[CRS Website](#)