

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 a reusable laundry basket and/or use your imagination 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, oven gloves, toaster, 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!**

****Another way to help our families this Holiday season is to purchase a gift card to a LOCAL restaurant. Many of our LOCAL restaurants have been negatively affected by COVID-19. This is a great way to help our clients and these businesses as well!**

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 **Peggy** at the CRS office.

*******ATTENTION!!**

We have a new and exciting program this year!!

As you may or may not know, CRS is a Salvation Army Service Unit. The Salvation Army, CRS and Walmart have collaborated to create a “Registry for Good” that will be a great way for our donors to shop for Santa’s Workshop this year. This is a very easy, “no contact” way to shop and provide gifts for our families. Purchases made online at Walmart.com will be delivered directly to CRS and we will distribute them at Santa’s Workshop.

The link to the website is *Walmart.com/Registry/Registry For Good*. Scroll down to find “CRS/Salvation Army Angel Tree-Santa’s Workshop to begin shopping.

****This site should be up and running very soon! If it is not, keep checking back!**

Please let me know of any questions or difficulties in navigating this new procedure!!

General Information

- Holiday donations will be accepted from weekdays from November 17th-December 4th from 10 AM to 2 PM. Saturday drop-off will be December 5th from 10 AM to 2 PM.
- All holiday donations should be dropped off at our **Christmas location- 457 Avon Belden Road in Avon Lake**. Please note that this is the **SAME** location as last year!
- **Please let us know when you plan to deliver your donations.**
- If you need to make special arrangements to drop off your donation, i.e. after business hours, please call Amy at 440-224-4084.
- If your group or organization is interested in hosting a toy drive, please call Amy.
- New items only **will be accepted** as Christmas gifts.
- Food/Pantry items **cannot be accepted** at Santa’s Workshop-please take to CRS Office.
- All of our programs respect the confidentiality of our clients and donors.

****COVID-19 PROCEDURES****

Please arrange a time with Amy for drop-off so we can limit the number of people in the space.

Please wear a mask at all times when dropping off your donation.

We will not accept any donations after Saturday December 5th- NO EXCEPTIONS!

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 7th, 2019 between 10 AM and 2 PM.** If you need a different date or time, please call Kris and we will make arrangements at your convenience.

Be a Santa to a Senior – 2020

With your donations we will assemble special gift bags with a number of items that we know our seniors will be happy to receive!

Small Domination Gift Cards

- Grocery (Giant Eagle, Aldi, Marc's)
- Gas (BP, GetGo, Speedway)
- Restaurants (Bob Evans, McDonalds, Subway, Bob Evans, Perkins)

Toiletries:

- Lotion
- Shower Gel/Loofa
- Toothpaste/Toothbrush
- Hairbrush/Comb
- Chapstick
- Hand Sanitizer
- Nail File
- Tissue

Consumables:

- Chocolates
- Tea bags
- Crackers
- Dried Fruit Packets
- Cookies
- Hot Chocolate
- Coffee
- Snack Bars

Miscellaneous:

- Stamps/Notepads
- Magnets
- Calendars
- Playing Cards/Board Games/Puzzles
- Blankets/Throws
- Slippers/Socks
- Gloves/Scarves
- Kitchen Towels/Dish Cloths

In an effort to support our locally owned restaurants, we will also gladly accept donations of gift cards that would enable a senior to enjoy a special dinner out!

Thank you for donating to our seniors!

We ask that all gifts be unwrapped.