

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, Barbie doll, basketball/football, Legos, 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.**

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

We will be continuing our "Registry for Good" again this year. CRS and Walmart have once again collaborated to create this registry for our donors 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](https://www.walmart.com/Registry/Registry%20For%20Good). Scroll down to find "CRS Santa's Workshop-Holiday Assistance Program" to begin shopping.

Family Basket

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

- "Cleaning Basket" filled with household products;
- "Family Game Night Basket" filled with a board game, snacks, 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;
- "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.

****Another way to help our families this Holiday season is to purchase a gift card to a LOCAL restaurant. 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.

General Information

- Holiday donations will be accepted weekdays from Monday, November 28th through Friday, December 9th from 10 AM to 2 PM. We will also be available on Saturday, December 10th from 10 AM to 2 PM. If you need to make special arrangements to drop off before November 28th, please call Amy at 216-316-3216.
- All holiday donations should be dropped off at our **NEW Christmas location-33455 Lake Road in Avon Lake. The parking lot is behind the building on Electric Blvd. You MUST enter the building from the parking lot.**
- **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.

We will not accept any donations after Saturday December 10th-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:

Boxed Potatoes	Coffee-Small Cans
Jar Gravy	Hot Chocolate
Rice or other side dish	Applesauce
Canned Sweet Potatoes	Jell-O/Pudding
Canned Fruit	Muffin Mix
Velveeta Shells and Cheese	Pie Filling, Pie Crust
Boxed Stuffing	Sugar Cookie Mix/Sprinkles

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 5, 2022 between 10 AM and 2 PM.** If you need a different date or time, please call **Cece** at the CRS office and we will make arrangements at your convenience.