



Information for CRS Holiday Programs

Santa's Workshop

Santa's Workshop is organized like a store so mom and dad can "shop" for a coat, a pair of pajamas and a special "wish list" item for each of their children. It is completely stocked with items from our generous donors. If you are interested in contributing to **Santa's Workshop**, please call Amy at the CRS office (**440-224-4084**) and she can give you suggestions for items that we need. **We are always in great need of TEEN gifts this Holiday season! PLEASE do not wrap your donation!** We provide wrapping supplies for **Mom and Dad to take home with them.**

Walmart Spark Good Registry

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 will be available at Santa's Workshop.

The link to the website is [Walmart.com/sparkgood](https://www.walmart.com/sparkgood). Search for "CRS Santa's Workshop-Holiday Assistance Program" to begin shopping.

Family Baskets

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 Gap

If you would like to contribute in a small but meaningful way, there are many options for you. Board games, books, movie passes, etc. are examples of items that are greatly appreciated by our families. **We are always in need of stocking stuffers for children 12 and under as well!**

Be Santa to a Senior

If you are interested in donating special gifts for our senior citizen gift bags, please visit our website for a list of suggested items, www.aalcrs.org, or contact Mindy at the CRS office, 440-933-5639.

General Information

- All holiday donations should be dropped off at our **NEW Santa's Workshop location!** **Santa's Workshop will be located at Christ Church Westshore (formerly Ahern Banquet Center) at 726 Avon Belden Road (Route 83), just north of the railroad tracks in Avon Lake. There is a large parking lot just beyond the building. 10 minute drop-off is available at the door by the circular driveway.** There will also be signs with parking and drop-off information for your assistance.
- Holiday donations will be accepted weekdays from Monday, November 27th through Friday, December 8th from 10 AM to 2 PM. We will also be available on Saturday, December 9th 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.
- **Only NEW items will be accepted** for Santa's Workshop.
- **Do NOT wrap your donations.**
- Food/Pantry items **cannot be accepted** at Santa's Workshop-please take to the CRS office.
- All of our programs respect the confidentiality of our clients and donors.

We will not accept any donations after Saturday, December 9th - NO EXCEPTIONS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF CRS AND THE FAMILIES WE SERVE!!



Holiday Food Baskets

As part of our holiday programming, each CRS family will also receive a Holiday Food Basket. If you would like, you can provide non-perishable food items and a grocery store gift card (suggested amount \$25.00) to be used for perishable items, a ham or a turkey. It is helpful if the groceries are packed in a reusable bag or laundry basket. Baskets should be packed for a family of 4 to 6 people. Please note that we cannot store perishable groceries.

Here are some suggested items for your basket:

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/Frosting
Canned Ham	Shelf Stable Milk

These are just suggestions. If there is anything else you would like to add, feel free to do so. If there is a special dish you would like to include, just provide the ingredients and the recipe!

Food baskets can be dropped off at the CRS office beginning on Monday, November 27th during our regular business hours: Monday – Friday from 10am – 2pm. The deadline to donate food baskets is Wednesday, December 6, 2023. Please contact Cece at CRS if you need to make other arrangements for drop-off. She can be reached at 440-933-5639 or ccarlson@aalcrs.org.