

Holiday Clearinghouse

maintained by United Way LINC

Each year at United Way we receive many calls before and during the holidays regarding special holiday programs. Many of the calls are from persons who are inquiring about how to receive assistance from programs such as Toys for Tots, food baskets or free meals. However, we also receive many calls from businesses, schools and families who want to donate items, adopt families or volunteer their time to help those in need. If you would like to contribute to any of the following agency needs, please contact United Way LINC @ 717.291.LINC(5462), Monday-Friday 8:30 am-5 pm.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Boys & Girls Club, Lancaster

Description: Youth development agency serving the community. The club provides programs and services all along a continuum of services ranging from membership for core programs to residential care and treatment for adolescents.

Needs: The club is accepting donors to adopt club families in need.

Bridge of Hope, Lancaster

Description: To end and prevent homelessness for women and children with the help of trained mentoring groups within congregations.

Needs: Adopt a family; Diapers in all sizes, toilet tissue, feminine hygiene products, paper towels, new books, first aid kits, puzzles, learning toys, teen bibles.

Clare House, Lancaster

Description: Temporary shelter for homeless women with or without children.

Needs: Adopt a family; All purpose cleaner, small/large plastic storage bins, local bus pass, twin comforter and sheets, 60 watt light bulbs, grocery store gift cards, diapers, kitchen items, etc.

Community Action Program, Child Care, Lancaster

Description: Mission is to help low income families become self-sufficient.

Needs: Adopt a family.

Community Life Network of Columbia, Columbia

Description: Community effort to bring together Columbia's social services.

Needs: Adopt a family; Razors, shampoo, deodorant, soap, feminine hygiene products, diapers, toilet paper, paper towels, detergent, blankets, toothpaste/brushes, non-perishable food, etc.

Community Services Group, Lancaster

Description: Provides a variety of services for mentally retarded and mentally ill individuals, including partial hospitalization, vocational rehabilitation and numerous residential programs.

Needs: Adopt a family.

Compeer Lancaster, Lancaster

Description: Matches trained volunteers with adults recovering from mental illness in one on one friendships.

Needs: 140 5" poinsettias for their friendship matches Holiday Soiree.

Conestoga Valley School District, Lancaster

Description: Educational institution; Referral from social work department.

Needs: Adopt a family; Gift cards to Wal-Mart.

Elect Teen Parenting Program, Lancaster

Description: A teen parenting program designed to support pregnant students stay in school with on-site child care, outreach to the individuals and their families, parenting and life skills classes, case management and counseling.

Needs: Adopt a family.

Hempfield School District, Landisville

Description: Educational institution; Referral from social work department.

Needs: Adopt a family.

Housing Development Corporation, Lancaster

Description: Affordable housing complexes in Lancaster County that provides supportive services for low to moderate income families and seniors.

Needs: Adopt a family.

Lancaster County Council of Churches, Lancaster

Description: Ministering to human needs; addressing community and societal issues.

Needs: Adopt a family sponsors for the "Spirit of Christmas" program.

Lancaster County MH/MR/EI, Lancaster

Description: County agency mandated to monitor and provide services for mental health, mental retardation and early intervention.

Needs: Adopt a family.

Lancaster County Project for the Needy, Lancaster

Description: Volunteer group raises money and collects food to distribute to needy families at Christmas.

Needs: Monetary donations for food boxes that are distributed on Christmas Eve at Clipper Magazine Stadium.

Lancaster General Hospital, Health Healthy Beginnings Plus, Lancaster

Description: Provides medical care, pre-natal, assistance of a social worker, nutrition instruction, childbirth education, breastfeeding classes and more for pregnant women who are income eligible.

Needs: Newborn and size 1/2 diapers, wipes, bottles, baby hats, bibs, baby socks, burp cloths, towels/wash cloths, clothes for preemies or up to 6 months, baby wash, desitin.

Lutheran Refugee Services, Lancaster

Description: Faith-based social ministry organization that assists refugees and asylees and immigrants.

Needs: Household supplies and school supplies.

Marine Corps, Lancaster County Detachment of the, Lancaster

Description: The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

Needs: Toys for Tots...several drop-off locations throughout the County.

[Mental Health America, Lancaster](#)

Description: An education and advocacy agency promoting mental health and working toward the prevention of mental illness and the improved quality of life for persons suffering from such illnesses.

Needs: Monetary donations or gifts for Holiday Gift project, gift suggestions are in the \$15-20 range, ideas include basic toiletries (deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, toothbrush/paste, socks, etc.)

[New Choices/New Options, Lancaster](#)

Description: A career/guidance counseling program for single parents, homemakers, and displaced homemakers who are looking to enter or re-enter the workforce or who are exploring opportunities for training, education, and placement.

Needs: Adopt a family.

[Office of Aging, Lancaster](#)

Description: Offers a wide range of support services to older Lancaster County residents with the goal of allowing them to maintain their independence and self-sufficiency.

Needs: Non-perishable food items, personal hygiene items and monetary donations for holiday program that delivers food boxes and gifts to clients. Donations accepted through December 2nd.

[Pressley Ridge, Deb's House, Lancaster](#)

Description: A crisis respite service offering up to 5 days of temporary, safe, supportive, round the clock, residential care to children from birth to 6 years old.

Needs: Adopt a family; Diapers (sizes 3-6), pull-ups (sizes 2T-5T) baby wipes, baby cereal, children's books, gift cards to Wal-Mart/Kmart/Giant, paper towels, toilet paper, new car seats, highchairs.

[Pressley Ridge, Teen Pregnancy & Parenting Program, Lancaster](#)

Description: Provides prenatal and postnatal services to pregnant and parenting teens and to young adults who are in school in Lancaster County.

Needs: Diapers (sizes 1-4), baby formula (Good Start & Similac), toys (infant-24 months), baby care items, baby clothes (infant-24 months), gift cards Park City/Wal-Mart/Kmart/Giant/BabiesRUs.

[Schreiber Pediatric Rehab Center, Lancaster](#)

Description: Provides family-centered education, therapy and recreation programs for infants, children and adolescents (birth to age 21) with developmental delays and physical disabilities.

Needs: Adopt a family; Diapers (size 6 and size 4), wipes and latex-free gloves (large).

[Susquehanna Valley Pregnancy Services, Lancaster/Ephrata/Columbia](#)

Description: Serves women, men and teens unprepared for pregnancy. Provides prenatal, childbirth and parenting education.

Needs: Cribs & mattresses, bassinets or pack 'n' play, new car seats, strollers & stroller rain covers, diapers, clothing for infants through 4t, crib sheets, wipes, layette items, high chairs, etc.

[Tabor Community Services, Lancaster](#)

Description: A non-profit housing and consumer credit counseling organization with a mission to rebuild communities by helping families find housing and financial solutions.

Needs: Adopt a family; Diapers, kid's winter gloves/hats/coats, brooms, cleaning supplies, bibs, baby clothes, baby wipes, formula, bath towels, single & double bed sheets, blankets.

[YWCA, Lancaster](#)

Description: Provides services that enable women and girls to reach their full potential, to enrich the quality of lives and to shape a new society free from sexism and racism.

Needs: Adopt a family; Bus tickets (10 trip base zone), women's sanitary products, baby care items, free standing clothing rack to hang donations, adult incontinence undergarments (small-medium).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Conestoga View, Lancaster

Description: Provides professional medical services to citizens of Lancaster County with limited assets who require treatment in an extended care facility.

Needs: Volunteers to help setting up trays, carving turkeys/hams and visiting with residents on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Lancaster County Council of Churches, Lancaster

Description: Ministering to human needs; addressing community and societal issues.

Needs: Volunteers for food basket distribution in December.

Lancaster County Project for the Needy, Lancaster

Description: Volunteer group raises money and collects food to distribute to needy families at Christmas.

Needs: Volunteers to help package and distribute Christmas dinner boxes on the morning of Thursday, December 24th at Clipper Magazine Stadium.

Mental Health America, Lancaster

Description: An education and advocacy agency promoting mental health and working toward the prevention of mental illness and the improved quality of life for persons suffering from such illnesses.

Needs: Volunteers to help sort, wrap and shop for gifts.

Salvation Army, Lancaster

Description: Provides human service programs designed to meet the social and spiritual needs of the citizens of Lancaster County.

Needs: Volunteers to help with their Christmas application process during specific dates and times in October and November.