HOLIDAY CONNECTIONS
HOLIDAY PROJECT AND AGENCY WISH LIST
LIVE UNITED

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FOR MORE INFORMATION
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Why Help?

Every year hundreds of members of our community rely on the generosity of strangers throughout the holiday season. Whether it’s receiving the ingredients for a special meal, gifts for family members, or warm clothing to wear, your caring gift makes a difference in someone’s life! *Holiday Connections* was created to assist individuals and groups in our community identify and select holiday giving projects.

Choosing a Project

Whether you’re part of a group or an individual who wants to help, here are some hints to help you choose the right project for yourself or your family or group:

- Look over the complete list to get an idea of what projects are available.
- Think about how many people might want to get involved, i.e. will you invite your whole company or just your department to participate?
- Think about the resources available to the people in your group and choose an option that will allow the most people to participate at some level.
- Before making a selection, talk to a few people who might be helping to see if there is a strong area of interest, such as seniors, children or animals.
- Make sure your group understands and is comfortable with any restrictions requested by the agency, such as early deadlines or not wrapping gifts.
- If you would like more information about a particular agency and what they do, or you’d like some suggestions, call The Volunteer Center at 717.732.0700.
- If possible, decide on your project by early November. This is particularly important if you choose to adopt a family. While monetary donations are always welcomed by nonprofit agencies, most attempt to find “adoptive families” for their clients by this time.
- If you happen to get a late start, don’t despair. Many agencies have last-minute needs and The Volunteer Center is available to help.
- Once you’ve chosen a project, call the agency contact person to let them know your plans. It’s important the agencies know in advance what you are doing so they can plan appropriately and avoid duplication.
- If you plan to have 10 or more people involved in your project, consider asking a few to help you with planning and spreading the word.
- Don’t forget to let us know how it went! We count on your feedback to evaluate the success of the program. Just e-mail hneuhaus@uwcr.org and let us know about your experience. If available, send us a photo of your group in action, too!

Thank you for making the holidays brighter for our less fortunate neighbors!
American Red Cross Greater Pennsylvania Region

Contact: Jon Glenn, 717.257.1822, ext. 1222
E-mail: jon.glenn@redcross.org
Youth: Appropriate for youth, minimum age 14

Totes of Hope: The American Red Cross needs supplies for their Totes of Hope campaign. Please send only new items. Needs include: socks, rain ponchos, fleece lap throws, flashlights with batteries, pocket mirrors, decks of cards, personal first aid kits, adhesive bandages, sewing kits, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, deodorant, bars of soap, disposable razors, shaving cream, combs/brushes, pocket tissues, hand sanitizer, nail clippers, pens, note pads, sturdy backpacks (at least 17” deep) and a personal note of thanks to each veteran receiving a backpack.

All items may be dropped off at the Red Cross office at 1804 N. 6th Street, Harrisburg, 17102.

Amiracle4sure, Inc.

Contact: Marsha Banks, Executive Director, 717.232.0100 (voice), 877.601.5298 (fax)
E-mail: amiracle4sure@gmail.com
Youth: Appropriate for youth. Girls, minimum age 12

Donations are needed for the women’s residential facility including: personal care bags with slippers, hats and gloves, washcloths, towels, lotion and shampoo. Please also include a gift card for each bag (example: movie passes, Target, Walmart, etc.) so residents can buy a gift for their child or do something special with them during the holidays.

Donations are also needed for 20 personal care bags for middle school students in our Ladies First after-school program (ages 12-14 years old). Items needed are bags, nail polish, nail polish remover, combs/brushes, lotion and scented body sprays. Please also include a gift card for each bag (example: Claire’s, Piercing Pagoda, Walmart, Target).

The Arc of Cumberland and Perry Counties (CPARC)

Contact: Adrienne Williams, 717.249.2611 (voice), 717.249.9411 (fax)
E-mail: awilliams@cparc.org
Youth: Appropriate for youth, no minimum age

Donors are needed to purchase gifts for The Arc of Cumberland and Perry Counties’ Angels Program. This program provides gifts anonymously to specific individuals with disabilities receiving services from CPARC. Holiday gift tags are prepared with the first name of the individual and an item from their wish list. Donors are asked to select a tag and purchase the item listed. We ask for gifts to be new, wrapped and returned with the tag to CPARC. All gifts will remain anonymous and will be signed “From a CPARC Angel.” The agency requests that gifts be received by December 7.

For those unable to shop for gifts, CPARC will gladly accept monetary donations to the Angels Program and volunteers will purchase gifts.
The Arc of Dauphin County

**Contact:** Caterina Veccia or Barbara Bressler, 717.920.2727 (voice)
**E-mail:** cveccia@arcofdc.org or bbressler@arcofdc.org
**Youth:** Appropriate for youth, no minimum age

Donations of gift cards and money are needed to purchase gifts for 12 individuals with disabilities participating in The Arc of Dauphin County’s Super Six Program and Aktion Club. Donations can be made in one of three ways: contribute in person at 2569 Walnut Street, Harrisburg, 17103, pay by credit card by calling 717.920.2727, or mail a check or gift card to us at address listed above. Please make your tax-deductible gift by December 14. We also welcome new and wrapped gifts if brought to our office by December 14, which will give us time to distribute them.

Bethesda Mission

**Contact:** Debbie King, 717.257.4442, ext. 222 (voice), 717.257.5486 (fax)
**E-mail:** dking@bethesdamission.org
**Youth:** Appropriate for youth, minimum age 14

Donations of food are greatly appreciated and needed. The shelter also needs donations of men’s deodorant, socks and underwear. Collections could be sponsored through churches, schools and/or businesses. The shelter is also looking for groups of up to six people (ages 12 and up) to serve in the Soup-line for dinner from 4:15-6 p.m.

Volunteers are needed for the Christmas at Italian Lake event on December 8 and 9. Needs include set-up, staffing the event and tear-down.

Opportunities are also available for Adopt a Family for Christmas at the Women’s Shelter and Angel Tree gifts for youth at the Community Center.

Bountiful Blessings, Inc.

**Contact:** Theresa Orendi or Rev. Ron Orendi, 717.802.1222 (voice)
**E-mail:** ronorendi@gmail.com
**Youth:** Appropriate for youth, if accompanied by an adult

The organization is seeking monthly donors to help purchase toiletry and cleaning items for distribution to families in need at their locations.

The organization also seeks businesses or groups to conduct drives for toothpaste, liquid dish detergent and trash bags. These items are then distributed to struggling families and seniors.

Metal pallet shelving is needed for a warehouse remodel.

Additionally, Bountiful Blessings seeks companies, businesses or corporations interested in conducting “jeans day” / “casual day” promotions where the proceeds would benefit Bountiful Blessings.
Boys & Girls Club of Harrisburg, Inc.

Contact: Yvonne Hollins, 717.234.3268 (voice), 717.234.3273 (fax)
E-mail: yvonneec1952@aol.com
Youth: Appropriate for youth, minimum age 6

Items needed: large microwave, arts and crafts supplies, construction paper, board games (Connect 4, Mancala, Trouble, etc.), printer cartridge (ask staff for type), computer games, washer (commercial or larger capacity), commercial refrigerator and freezer, marching band drums, stepper uniforms, B&G Club t-shirts for all members, ping pong balls, foose balls, pool sticks, new lunch room tables (4 seaters), basketballs, basketball nets, jump ropes, playground balls, game systems (Wii, Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch), game system games (child appropriate; Madden, NBA, etc), movies; DVDs (child appropriate), copy paper, lined paper, styrofoam bowls, napkins, paper towels, new or used vans, new or used bus, security surveillance system, PA/intercom system, lawn care equipment, commercial snow blower, weed trimmer, flat screen tv’s (for game systems/smart tv with wall mounts), motorized lawn mower, new kitchen supplies, first aid supplies, large mirrors, air hockey table, Legos, Roku/Apple tv/Amazon Fire Stick, practice pads x 14, 3 – 10 inch head x1 drum set “bass” pin stripe, 3 – 16 inch head x4 drum set “bass” pin stripe, 3 – 14 inch head x4 drum set “bass” pin stripe, 2 – small buddy’s x6, 1 – small mallets x3 sets V.I.C Firth, 1 – large mallets x3 sets V.I.C Firth, 1 – Jr. V.I.C Firth share sticks x5 set.

Boy Scouts of America – New Birth of Freedom Council

Contact: Todd Weidner, 717.502.4190 (voice)
E-mail: todd.weidner@scouting.org

Camps Tuckahoe and Hidden Valley are seeking donations of canoes, kayaks, telescopes, fishing rods, binoculars, mountain bikes, picnic tables and fish tanks for their No Child Left Inside Program.

Brethren Housing Association

Contact: Marilyn Bellesfield, Program Director, 717.233.6016 (voice), 717.233.5489 (fax)
E-mail: mbellesfield@bha-pa.org
Youth: Not appropriate for youth

The agency welcomes donations of household items such as toilet paper, paper towels, all-purpose cleaners, dish detergent, female toiletries. Gift cards to Walmart and Giant are also welcome.
Bridge of Hope Harrisburg Area

Contact: Jenny Nace, 717.839.7077 (voice)
E-mail: bridgeofhope.hbg@gmail.com

Monetary donations are needed to help house families this holiday season. You can choose a family to house for a day, week, or month by visiting www.houseafamily.org. Know your financial support is making a difference through the regular updates you will receive on their journey.

Caitlin’s Smiles

Contact: Cheryl Hornung, 717.412.4759 (voice)
E-mail: caitlinsmiles@comcast.net
Youth: Appropriate for youth, minimum age 5

The agency is looking for organizations, businesses and schools to collect arts and craft supplies for children who are hospitalized over the holidays. Especially needed are crossword puzzle and sudoku books, sketch pads, coloring books, journals and foam stickers.

Capital Area Head Start (Keystone Service Systems)

Contact: Kim Smith, 717.541.1795, ext. 217 (voice)
E-Mail: ksmith@keystonehumanservices.org

Donations are needed to help low-income families with basic needs required to support their families. The families have children ages newborn to 5 and some include pregnant women. Gift cards to Giant, Target or Walmart are particularly helpful as it allows them to individualize purchases and limited storage space. Other items needed include blankets, space heaters, CAT 11-ride bus passes, cleaning products, laundry products, bed sheets, towels, crock pots and safety items (baby gates, door latches, safety plugs, etc.).

Capital Area Therapeutic Riding Association (CATRA)

Contact: Michael Babbitt, 717.623.5553 (voice), 717.469.0095 (fax)
E-mail: Outreach.Coordinator@CATRA.net
Youth: Appropriate for youth, minimum age 13 (unless accompanied by an adult)

Volunteers are needed daily to help maintain the facility. All work is outdoor farm-focused and ideal for small group projects. Opportunities are available to care for horses and small animals. This is an excellent family atmosphere where parents and children can volunteer together. Additional help is needed to prepare the facility for the holidays.

Contributions to CATRA’s wish list are also a great way to support the facility during the holidays. Items on the wish list include: both dry and wet dog/cat food, salt blocks, hot chocolate, hot cider, paper products (tissues, paper towels, cups, toilet paper), garbage bags and cleaning supplies (Pine Sol, dish soap, sponge mops).
Catholic Charities - Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families

**Contact:** Heather Gorham, 717.652.8740 (voice), 717.545.0145 (fax)

**E-mail:** hstrickland@cchbg.org

**Youth:** Appropriate for youth, no minimum age

The agency needs donations of paper products (plates, bowls, cups, utensils), bed pillows, bath towels, washcloths, twin sheet sets, twin blankets, toiletries, baby wash/dove soap, paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, dish washer detergent and bathroom cleaning supplies. Donations of gift cards are always welcome to help purchase additional items for families as needed.

Central Pennsylvania Food Bank

**Contact:** Chris Gray, 717.564.1700, ext. 2342 (voice)

**E-mail:** cgray@centralpafoodbank.org

**Youth:** Appropriate for youth. No minimum age for food donation. Ages 12+ for volunteering.

The Central Pennsylvania Food Bank needs donations of frozen turkeys and hams, canned vegetables, instant potatoes, applesauce and cranberry relish. By providing a nutritious holiday meal, families struggling with hunger will carry your blessings into 2019. Holiday donations will be accepted through December 20.

Donations of non-perishable foods and fresh produce are welcome throughout the year.

Children’s Cancer Recovery Foundation

**Contact:** Felicia Ellis, 717.688.7940, ext. 111 (voice), 717.688.7938 (fax)

**E-mail:** feliciiae@ccrecovery.org

**Youth:** Appropriate for youth, 0-18

Sponsor a toy drive for the BEAR-Able Gift® program. This program distributes gifts, games and toys to children who are in hospitals undergoing cancer treatments. Wish list includes: new stuffed animals, crayons and other art supplies, Legos, Hot Wheels, hand-held games, card and board games, books, activity sets, coloring books, puzzles, hats and any other sort of new toys.

Christian Churches United/HELP Ministries

**Contact:** John Scarpato, 717.238.2857 (voice), 717.238.1916 (fax)

**E-mail:** jscarpato@ccuhbg.org

**Youth:** Appropriate for youth, no minimum age

Donations are needed for the Holiday Help-a-Family Program where staff will match individuals or groups with families in need of holiday gift assistance. Miscellaneous gift cards (Walmart, grocery stores, etc.) allow us to provide last-minute holiday gifts for homeless and low-income individuals.

Welcome Home Kits are a great project for a family, workplace, church or civic group. These starter kits help a homeless individual or family get established in a new apartment. For specific shopping list and all details: [www.ccuhbg.org/welcomehome](http://www.ccuhbg.org/welcomehome).
Claremont Nursing Home and Rehab
Contact: Nancy Hahn, 717.240.1937 (voice)
E-mail: nhan@ccpa.net
Youth: Appropriate for youth, minimum age 14 unless accompanied by an adult

Volunteers are needed to decorate the facility’s 22 trees and outside areas for the holidays. Volunteers can choose between decorating the trees or the areas. Decorating will occur from November 25 to December 3. There are eight holiday socials which volunteers can assist with hosting or provide musical entertainment.

Community Check-Up Center
Contact: Linda Hengst, 717.233.1700 (voice), 717.236.8752 (fax)
E-mail: cccdirector@comcast.net

The center needs donations of new books for children ages birth to early teens for the waiting room. The children are then encouraged to take these books home. New baby thermometers are also needed to give to new moms.

Dauphin County Library System
Contact: Wendy McClure, 717.234.4961, ext. 107 (voice)
E-mail: wmcclure@dcls.org

The library needs donations of new children’s books and early reader books, hard-cover or paperback, to provide a positive learning experience for children in various parts of our libraries’ communities, including our smallest readers from less-fortunate families. Please deliver to any of the eight libraries in the Dauphin County Library System and specify “for Project Open Book.”

See http://www.dcls.org/ for locations and hours.

Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties
Contact: Sonya Browne, 717.258.4806 (voice)
E-mail: sbrowne@dvscp.org
Youth: Appropriate for youth, minimum age 14

The agency provides emergency shelter to victims of domestic violence and their children. The holidays are especially hard on the families, many of whom have never been away from home before. There are two ways to help:

- Gift cards for gas and groceries make great holiday gifts for residents. Gift cards can also be used to help with prescription medications.
- A group could also provide a holiday meal at any time between Thanksgiving and New Years. This could be coordinated with the shelter supervisor.
Downtown Daily Bread

**Contact:** Susan Cann, 717.238.4717, ext. 123 (voice)
**E-mail:** scann@pinestreet.org
**Youth:** Not appropriate for youth

Downtown Daily Bread needs the following items: #10 canned foods, non-perishable food items, holiday paper products, turkeys, hams, beef, pies, cakes and cookies for the holidays. The shelter also needs donations of men’s and women’s underwear, socks, hats and gloves. Donations can be sponsored by churches, schools and/or businesses.

Family Promise of Harrisburg Capital Region

**Contact:** Lissette Gonzalez, 717.737.1100 (voice)
**E-mail:** lgonzalez@familypromisehcr.org
**Youth:** Appropriate for youth, minimum age 5

Family Promise serves families experiencing homelessness. The agency welcomes donations of gift cards (Giant, Karns, Target, Walmart, CVS) or items for guest including: laundry detergent, soap, shampoo, cleaning supplies, envelopes, deodorant, baby wipes, diapers, toilet paper, paper towels, toothbrushes, toothpaste and first aid items.

Gaudenzia

**Contact:** Jim Ingolio, 717.238.4200, ext. 1117 (voice)
**E-mail:** jingolio@guadenzia.org

Gaudenzia is looking for donations of non-alcohol personal care items, including: toothbrushes, toothpaste, stick deodorant, hand soap, washcloths, hand towels, bath towels, hand lotion, lip balm, tissues and wet wipes for men and women entering the agency’s treatment program. No aerosol cans, please. Winter hats, gloves and scarves for women and children are also needed for homeless families transitioning into Gaudenzia’s supportive housing.

Graceful Acres

**Contact:** Jon Mattis, 717-215-1768
**E-mail:** graceful.acres@yahoo.com

Graceful Acres is dedicated to empowering and bettering the lives of children and young adults dealing with developmental, physical or emotional challenges by providing a unique horseback riding experience.

Donations that would be greatly appreciated include: gift cards to Giant or Walmart for client families facing financial hardship, paper towels, baby wipes and gloves for our riders. We can always use volunteers who are willing to get their hands dirty to help maintain the facility.
Healthy Steps Diaper Bank

Contact: Amanda Barnes, 717.919.2590
E-mail: abarnes@healthystepsdiaperbank.com

One in three families cannot afford enough diapers to keep their baby clean, dry, and healthy and neither WIC nor food stamps can be used for diapers. To help these families, Healthy Steps Diaper Bank is looking for diaper donations (sizes 3, 4, 5) and for monetary donations to purchase shelves and supplies for the warehouse.

Volunteers are also needed to wrap and pack diapers. Volunteers can sign up at: http://signup.com/go/vOefyiA

Historical Society of Dauphin County

Contact: Christine Turner, 717.233.3462 (voice), 717.233.6059 (fax)
E-mail: director@dauphincountyhistory.org
Youth: Appropriate for youth, minimum age 13

Volunteers are needed to give public tours of the Harris-Cameron Mansion, to assist with archives data entry and exhibits, to assist in the office, and to assist with gardening and grounds maintenance.

Hope Within Community Health Center

Contact: Donita Sturgis, 717.367.9797, ext. 308 (voice)
E-mail: Donita.sturgis@hopewithin.org
Youth: Appropriate for youth, minimum age 14 (for service projects)

Donated items that would be helpful to the work at Hope Within include: rolls of forever postage stamps; $25 gift cards to: Giant, Weis, Target, Staples, Hobby Lobby, multi-restaurant cards; cases of bottled water; copy paper; toilet paper; paper towels; tissue paper; black garbage bags; white kitchen trash bags; small white trash bags; adult over the counter medication – Naproxen, Tylenol Adult ES, chewable baby aspirin 81 mg (5 bottles), Melatonin 5 mg (2 bottles), Hydrocortisone 1% cream or ointment (2 tubes), generic lubricant eye drops (3 bottles), Emergency/ Vitamin C (two bottles), probiotics (2 bottles), Hydrogen Peroxide (three bottles), Turmeric 500 or 750 mg capsules (two bottles), cough drops (three bags); full size hand lotion (2 bottles or tubes); full size shampoo and conditioner (men’s 2 of each and women’s 2 of each); full size box of feminine tampons (2); full size box/package feminine pads (2); full size tooth paste (3 tubes); toothbrushes (3); dental floss (3 containers); Lysol or Clorox disinfectant wipes (2); Scotch tape (2 - 3 packs); large industrial size boxes of clear heavy duty plastic knives, spoons and forks; large industrial size boxes of clear plastic cups; large industrial size boxes of cardboard coffee cups.

Monetary donations of: $25 gift to provide one mental health evaluation, $50 gift toward health center utilities and $50 gift toward purchasing in-house laboratory test kits.
Humane Society of Harrisburg Area (HSHA)

Contact: Aspasia Yeater, 717.564.3320, ext. 108 (voice), 717.564.1867 (fax)
E-mail: aspasiay@humanesocietyhbg.org
Youth: Appropriate for youth, minimum age 18

Each year HSHA cares for thousands of homeless animals from Dauphin, Cumberland, and Perry counties. This holiday season, our greatest needs are donations of non-clumping cat litter, cat toys (furry mice and jingle balls), soft and chewy dog treats, canned dog food, small animal treats and toys (for rabbits, guinea pigs, etc.), sandwich baggies, and laundry detergent. Also needed are gift cards to Walmart, PetSmart, Home Depot/Lowes, Weis, and gas gift cards to cover travel expenses relating to our humane investigations. If you would like to organize a donation drive for our shelter, or are interested in volunteering this holiday season as a group of five or more, please contact us. Woofs and purrs!

Jewish Family Service

Contact: Barry Stein, 717.233.1681 ext. 3006
E-mail: bstein@jfsofhbg.org

The agency would appreciate donations of gift cards to grocery stores, gas stations or stores that sell essential household goods. Also needed are winter gloves and hats, personal care items, bus passes and children’s toys and books.

Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg

Contact: Jennifer Ross, 717.236.9555, ext. 3104 (voice), 717.236.0965 (fax)
E-mail: j.ross@jewishfedhbg.org
Website: www.jewishharrisburg.org

The agency would appreciate donations of cash or gift cards (Giant, Weis, Lowes, Target). These items will benefit our early learning center, after-care program and our seniors program. Our agency serves individuals of any denomination.

Join Hands Ministry

Contact: Michael Burns or Sheree Seifert, 717.582.7844 (voice)
E-mail: info@joinhands.help
Website: www.joinhands.help
Youth: Appropriate for youth, no minimum age

Join Hands coordinates the Holiday Network Program for Perry County. The agency needs new, unwrapped children’s toys, gift cards or sponsorships for needy families. For those who don’t have time or are unable to shop, the agency welcomes cash donations and volunteers will purchase the gifts. To sign up to volunteer or donate, call 717.582.7844 or visit www.joinhands.help.
**Joseph T. Simpson Public Library**

**Contact:** Sue Erdman, 717.766.0171 (voice), 717.766.0152 (fax)  
**E-mail:** serdman@ccpa.net  
**Youth:** Appropriate for youth, minimum age 13

The Joseph T. Simpson Library in Mechanicsburg needs gift cards to Barnes and Noble, Amazon, AC Moore, Michaels, Target, Walmart and local grocery stores which would be used to purchase materials for our children, teen and adult programs. We can also use reams of 20 pound, white photocopy paper.

**Joshua Group**

**Contact:** Deb Miller, 717.236.4464 (voice), 717.232.4536 (fax)  
**E-mail:** joshcenter@comcast.net  
**Youth:** Appropriate for youth, ages 3-18

The Joshua Group welcomes donations for students participating in its pre-school program and J Crew after-school program. The agency wish list includes school supplies (construction paper, crayons, markers, pens, pencils, paint) and personal care supplies. The Joshua Group supports at-risk youth living in Harrisburg.

**The Kidney Foundation of Central PA**

**Contact:** Linda Stewart, 717.652.8123 (voice), 717.671.9444 (fax)  
**E-mail:** linda@kfcp.org  
**Youth:** Appropriate for youth, minimum age 6

Donations of arts and crafts items and children’s books/DVDs are needed for use at Camp Kydnie, a week-long summer camp for children with kidney disease. Items needed include (but are not limited to): crayons, markers, construction paper, paints, child-safe scissors, books and DVDs for children ages 6-16. The agency also welcomes donations of gift cards to purchase those items. Items should be delivered to the agency’s office at 900 S. Arlington Avenue, Suite 134 A, Harrisburg.
Keystone Service Systems, Inc.- Susquehanna Service Dogs

**Contact:** Kerry Wevodau, 717.497.4430 (voice), 717.469.4268 (fax)
**E-mail:** kwevodau@keystonehumanservices.org

Susquehanna Service Dogs is a local nonprofit that breeds, raises and trains service dogs to be placed with individuals with mental and physical disabilities.

Items needed include: 18 gallon or larger rubber storage tubs, Jolly Pets Teaser Ball 10-inch (from Amazon), Jolly Pets Romp-n-Roll Ball (from Amazon), Belkin Mini Surge Protector with USB charger (from Amazon), heavy duty extension cords, Jolly Pets Tug-n-Toss Heavy Duty Chew Ball w/ Handle (from Amazon), West Paw Design Zogoflex Air Boz Dog Ball Play Dog Toy medium or large (from Amazon), Benebone Flavored Wishbone Chew Toy large (either bacon, peanut butter, chicken) (from Amazon or chewy.com), MidWest iCrate Folding Metal Dog Crate 36” and 42” (from Amazon), Safari Professional Nail Trimmer for dogs size large (from chewy.com), KONG Tires Extreme Dog Toy medium or large (from Amazon), Zuke’s Training Dog Treats (chewy.com or Amazon), KONG large size Red, mop head refills for a string mop, Spic n Span, easel for flip charts that also has a dry erase board, gift cards (Target, Lowe’s, Agway, Tractor Supply, Home Depot, Giant, Amazon or Pet Smart), blue painters tape, laundry detergent, paper towels, toilet paper, Lysol laundry sanitizer, cotton balls, reusable Target or Giant shopping bags, rolls of purple and green table covers, bottles of water, small pails with lids for dog poop, #10 security peel and seal business envelopes, steam cleaner, extension cords, Purina ProPlan FortiFlora (Amazon or Chewy), clumping cat litter, bleach, Avery 1” x 2-5/8” size address labels, Avery 2” x 4” size shipping labels, 5” x 7” and 9” x 12” padded mailing envelopes, letter size copy paper, batteries (any size), postage stamps, SD memory cards for camcorder, Tums (Calcium Carbonate) 1000mg, indoor tall office trash cans, gallon size Ziploc bags, 45 gallon trash bags.

Manada Conservancy

**Contact:** Karen Haldeman, 717.566.4122
**E-mail:** office@manada.org

Donations made out to Manada Conservancy to help complete land preservation projects and restoration plantings are greatly appreciated. Staples Gift Cards for office supplies. Home Depot or Lowe’s Gift Cards for preserve maintenance. Donations of tools including shovels, hammers, clippers, weed whacker.

MidPenn Legal Services

**Contact:** Paula Burkett, 717.234.0492 (voice), 717.234.0496 (fax)
**E-mail:** pburkett@midpenn.org
**Youth:** Appropriate for youth, no minimum age

Donations of wrapped books and small toys are needed for children who come into the office.
Neighborhood Center of the United Methodist Church

**Contact:** Kyla Harvey, 717.233.6541 (voice), 717.233.6554 (fax)
**E-mail:** kharvey@neighborhoodcenterumc.org
**Youth:** Appropriate for youth, no minimum age

The agency would appreciate donations of baby formula, baby wipes, bibs, bottles, board games, construction paper, finger paint and paper products (no styrofoam, please). Gifts cards to Giant, Sam’s Club, Wal-Mart and Target are also needed. These items will benefit the agency’s early learning center, after-care program, game night and Young Mothers Together program.

New Hope Ministries

**Contact:** Mary Wheeler (Mechanicsburg) 717.766.7333 ext.3010 (voice)
**E-mail:** mwheeler@nhm-pa.net
**Contact:** Denise Chase (Lemoyne) 717.774.6255 ext.602
**E-mail:** dchase@hm-pa.net
**Youth:** Appropriate for youth, minimum age 16

Volunteers are needed for the agency’s annual Christmas Blessing Express Program. Help is needed to sort and set up on December 12 (Mechanicsburg) and December 14 (Lemoyne). The actual program will be December 13-14 (Mechanicsburg) and December 17-18 (Lemoyne). Personal shopper volunteers are needed to help guide guests around as they pick out gifts for their family members. Volunteers are also needed to be greeters, serve as hospitality volunteers and to restock the tables. Sign up online at [https://www.timetosignup.com/nhm/](https://www.timetosignup.com/nhm/) to reserve your time and spot to help volunteer.

Northern Dauphin County Branch YMCA

**Contact:** Carol Bostdorf, 717.362.9494 (voice), 717.362.8583 (fax)
**E-mail:** carol.bostdorf@ymcaharrisburg.org
**Youth:** Appropriate for youth, no minimum age

Donations of new, unwrapped toys are needed to distribute to local families in need. Donations of new blankets, shoes and boots would be greatly appreciated.

Northern Dauphin Human Services Center

**Contact:** Bonnie Kent, 717.905.2700 (voice), 717.362.3135 (fax)
**E-mail:** bkent@dauphinc.org
**Youth:** Appropriate for youth, minimum age 7

The agency will be collecting toys and food for holiday food baskets and gifts for the “Be a Santa to a Senior Citizen” program. The agency also needs volunteers to create games and songs, and provide decorations for the program’s party. The agency also needs volunteer bell ringers for their Salvation Army Unit.
Penn State Health Children’s Hospital – Child Life Program

**Contact:** Sarah Miller, 717.531.8366  
**E-mail:** smiller29@pennstatehealth.psu.edu  
**Youth:** Appropriate for youth, no minimum age

The agency needs the following items donated: thin coloring books, adult coloring books (for teen patients), crayons (8, 16, or 24 count only), washable markers (8 or 16 count), colored pencils, Lego kits (all sizes), craft kits, Play-Doh (all sizes), Model Magic, board games (Sorry, Trouble, Battleship, Memory, Boggle, Connect 4, Checkers, Chess), card games (regular playing cards, UNO, Skip-Bo, Phase 10, etc.), snap together model car kits, current teen magazines, LipSmackers, make-up kits, nail polish, sports items (team hats, shirts, jerseys, posters, etc.).

All items must be new. We are unable to accept gently used items or those that have been stored for a period of time.

Please call or e-mail to schedule a drop-off appointment. We would like to have all holiday donations by December 17.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central PA (Hershey)

**Contact:** Patrice Stillwell, Operations Director, 717.533.4001 ext.157  
**E-mail:** pstillwell@rmhc-centralpa.org  
**Youth:** Appropriate for youth age 12 or over, if under 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult

Donations needed: Sam’s Club gift cards, kids puzzles with 50 pieces or less, coloring books with stickers, children’s playing cards with pictures, single serving microwavable meals. You can also sign up online to make breakfast, pack lunches, or dinner for our guests at [https://www.rmhc-centralpa.org/get-involved/meal-providers/](https://www.rmhc-centralpa.org/get-involved/meal-providers/).
The Salvation Army Harrisburg Capital City Region

Contact: Heather Fox-Kauffman, 233-6755, ext 138
E-mail: heather.fox-kauffman@use.salvationarmy.org
Youth: Appropriate for youth, no minimum age

Giving Tree Program: Purchase gifts for local children in need and deliver them to the agency. Each giving tree tag includes the name, gender, age, clothing sizes and gift ideas for a specific child. Companies, groups or individuals may request as many tags as appropriate for the size of their group.

Adopt-a-Family Program: Purchase gifts and a holiday dinner for a specific family, wrap the gifts and deliver them to the family in time for Christmas. The agency will coordinate with you to choose a family and will provide the family's wish list.

Adopt-a-Senior Program: Purchase the ingredients for a holiday dinner and deliver it to the senior in time for the holidays.

Provide a holiday meal basket: Provide a holiday meal for a family in need. Go to http://www.timetosignup.com/salvationarmyhbg to see the collection list and to sign up.

General Gift Collection: Collect NEW toys and/or clothing for children in our Christmas Assistance program whose Giving Tree tag was unfulfilled.

Contact: Heather Fox-Kauffman, 233-6755, ext 138
E-mail: heather.fox-kauffman@use.salvationarmy.org
Youth: Appropriate for youth, minimum age 16

Volunteers are needed from December 10-19, to sort, pack and distribute gifts for children. This project is appropriate for individuals and groups. Sign up at: http://www.timetosignup.com/salvationarmyhbg.

Contact: Major Elizabeth Griner, 233-6755, ext. 120
E-mail: elizabeth.griner@use.salvationarmy.org
Youth: Appropriate for older youth

Brighten the holidays for local senior citizens through friendly visits and gift delivery at nursing homes and corporate residences. Visits to occur in December.

Contact: Heather Fox-Kauffman, 233-6755, ext 138
E-mail: heather.fox-kauffman@use.salvationarmy.org
Youth: Appropriate for youth, children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult

Volunteers are needed to help ring bells at the standing kettles. Shifts are available at 21 different locations throughout the area and are 4.5 hours in length. Great for families, groups or individuals. Sign up at: http://www.timetosignup.com/salvationarmyhbg.
**Shalom House**  
**Contact:** Denise Britton, 717.920.4906 (voice), 717.441.1159 (fax)  
**E-mail:** dbrittonshalomhouse@verizon.net  
**Youth:** Appropriate for youth, minimum age 15

Volunteers are needed to staff a holiday gift wrap booth at the Colonial Park Mall in December from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Three to five people are needed per shift; more people may be needed on weekends. Lots of flexibility with shift times.

Cash donations are welcomed to support shelter operations and program support for residents.

Also needed are gift cards to Walmart, Target, Giant, Weis, Karns, Home Depot, Lowes, Gabe’s, Boscov’s, Kohl’s, Bed Bath & Beyond and Staples. Gas cards for Sheetz, etc. are also needed to help defray transportation costs for clients.

The agency also welcomes ongoing donations of individual bus tickets, paper towels, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, large (sturdy) garbage bags, adult size bars of soap, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, women’s deodorant, adult toothbrushes, Lysol spray or wipes, cleaning products, masking tape, scotch tape, business-sized plain white envelopes, large three ring binders, postage stamps, white printing paper, large plastic storage bins, home furniture (if it can be delivered), rugs, coffee pots, small appliances, dishes, umbrellas, rain ponchos, linens, silverware, pots and pans, lightweight jackets, sweatshirts, lounge/sweat pants and socks.

**St. Francis of Assisi Soup Kitchen**  
**Contact:** Ms. Tonya Siddo, 717.236.4506 (voice), 717.232.1003 (fax)  
**E-mail:** cfagan@hbgdiocese.org

The agency seeks volunteers to help serve Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, November 22. Volunteers are also needed for the soup kitchen’s Christmas party on December 22.

Cash donations are always welcomed for the day to day operation of the soup kitchen.

Small gifts for children and adults are needed for the Christmas party. Also, gift cards for Giant, Weis, Target or Walmart will be very helpful.
Susquehanna Harbor Safe Haven

Contact: Krista Farah, 717.232.5029 (voice), 717.232.5091 (fax)
E-mail: kfarah@ccuhbg.org
Youth: Appropriate for youth, no minimum age

The agency needs men’s underwear and socks (white) for chronically homeless clients in the residential program. Donations of gift cards to Super Shoes (so men can obtain sturdy footwear), or gift cards to Walmart or Target (for clothing) are helpful. Also needed are toiletries such as body wash, full size bars of soap, shampoo, razors and shaving cream, deodorant, hand/body lotion, and laundry detergent. Donations of bedding items such as sheet sets, pillows and bath towels are also welcome.

Welcome Home Kits are a great project for a family, workplace, church or civic group. These starter kits help a homeless man get established in a new apartment. For specific shopping list and all details: www.ccuhbq.org/welcomehome

Tri County Community Action

Contact: Kathleen Lacomba, 717.232.9757, ext. 113 (voice), 717.234.2227 (fax)
E-mail: klacomba@cactricounty.org
Youth: Appropriate for youth, no minimum age

Donations of educational toys and books for children of all ages as well as baby items for new moms and dads are greatly appreciated. Donations of school supplies and learning/educational toys for kids, office supplies (specifically calendars and calculators) for families to help them maintain budgets, and household schedules are also welcome. Monetary donations to provide scholarships for the START Program (higher education) are accepted during the holidays and throughout the year.

Tri County OIC Adult Learning Center

Contact: Jeffrey Woodyard, 717.238.7318 (voice), 717.238.3304 (fax)
E-mail: jwoodyard@tricountyoic.org
Youth: Appropriate for youth, no minimum age

The agency is looking for new or gently used children's books and educational games. Also needed are $10 gift cards to local grocery stores, pharmacies and gas stations to use as incentives and rewards.
UCP Central PA

Contact: Ashley Norris, 717.737.3477 (voice), 717.975.3333 (fax)
E-mail: ashley.norris@ucpcentralpa.org
Youth: Appropriate for youth, minimum age of 16

Holiday Gift Wrap: Volunteers are needed to staff a gift wrap booth at the Capital City Mall from December 1-24. Daily shifts are available and require at least four people per shift during the week and five during the weekends. This is ideal for individuals or groups.

Adopt-a-Family: Purchase gifts for a family with young children (including children with disabilities) or an adult with intellectual and/or physical disabilities. The gifts should be wrapped and delivered in time for Christmas. Agency staff will work with you and your group to select a family or an adult and provide a wish list from that family.

Donate Supplies: Art supplies for programs are needed. These include paper, paint, markers, crayons, colored pencils, etc. The agency also needs small appliances (Crock Pots, blenders, toaster ovens) and small electronics (CD players, DVD players), recreational items including board games, outdoor games, puzzles, instruments, etc., and magazine subscriptions.

United Methodist Home for Children

Contact: Kim Hanford, 717.766.7652
E-mail: khanford@umhcservices.com
Youth: Ages 12-20

Gift cards are greatly appreciated! Any denomination from McDonald’s, Walmart, Visa, Applebee’s, Chick-fil-A, Dick’s Sporting Goods, Dollar General, Giant, Weis, Rite Aid, Payless Shoes, Staples or Office Max. Please contact us for our full Christmas Wish List including personal care items, clothing, and household items needed for the youth living at UMHC.

United Way of the Capital Region - Literacy for Life

Contact: Heidi Neuhaus, 717.724.4055 (voice), 717.732.5100 (fax)
E-mail: hneuhaus@uwcr.org
Youth: Appropriate for youth, no minimum age

Craft supplies are needed for literacy kits. Almost any craft item can be used, but the most-needed items include: construction paper, crayons, markers, colored pencils, glue sticks and/or glue, foam stickers of any kind (animal shapes especially), pom poms, popsicle sticks, paper plates (not foam), white or colored tissue paper, peel and stick googly eyes, tape and stickers.

The items will be utilized by volunteers to assemble literacy kits. Each kit contains a book and activities related to the book that help promote family reading and reinforce what the child has learned in the book. The kits will be distributed to children through area schools in the spring.
Upper Dauphin Human Services Center, Inc.

Contact: Audrey Dickinson, 717.453.9352 (voice), 717.453.8299 (fax)
E-mail: udhumanservices@gmail.com
Youth: Appropriate for youth, minimum age 16

Each year the agency provides Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets for families in need. Donations of turkeys (or canned hams) for 100-120 families are needed for both holidays. The agency can make arrangements to pick up donations of multiple (10 or more) turkeys. The agency also needs gift cards in the amounts of $10 or $15 for Weis or Giant.

The agency needs volunteers to help pack the food boxes for distribution to recipient families. Volunteers are also needed to sort donations for the Christmas program.

YWCA Carlisle

Contact: Ashley Burkett, Community Impact Manager, 717.243.3818 (voice)
E-mail: aburkett@ywacarlisle.org
Youth: Appropriate for youth, adults, families

Adopt a Homework Club and help provide gifts and items for the students’ holiday parties in December!

Purchase holiday gifts for 30 elementary students (15 students in each of the two club locations at First Lutheran Church and Grandview Court) and bring unwrapped gifts to YWCA Carlisle located at 301 G Street in Carlisle. YWCA will coordinate with volunteers to purchase appropriate board games and non-violent toys. Gift cards are also needed (used as incentives throughout the school year).

Purchase supplies for the Homework Club parties such as food, beverages, paper products, decorations, etc. Volunteers will coordinate needed items with YWCA Carlisle Community Impact Manager. Additionally, volunteers can help wrap presents and assemble crafts or games for the parties.