HOLIDAY CONNECTIONS
HOLIDAY PROJECT AND AGENCY WISH LIST

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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 Serving Central Pennsylvania

Contact: Hope Roaten, 717.234.3101, ext. 1202  
E-mail: hope.roaten@redcross.org  
Youth: Appropriate for youth, minimum age 14

Infant Comfort Kits: The American Red Cross needs infant comfort kits for families who have been displaced from their homes due to a disaster. These kits provide immediate supplies to care for their babies. All items should be clean and new. Needed items include the following: diapers (sizes 3 or 4 preferred), baby wipes, diaper rash ointment, pacifiers, bottles, baby toys, baby blankets, baby soap/shampoo (trial size bottles), baby lotion (trial size bottles), washcloths, baby powder (trial size bottles) and bibs.

Note: Please make sure these kits are small enough to be easily stored and transported. Everything should be packed neatly into new, clean bags without a lot of extra space.

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: Claires, 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 gifts 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 9.

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 and/or donors are needed to purchase gifts for 10 individuals with disabilities participating in The Arc of Dauphin County’s Super Six Program and Aktion Club. The individuals will each have one item selected as their gift of choice, which will be entered onto a list. Interested donors can access this list by calling or visiting The Arc. Once donors pick gifts from the list, they will have until December 16 to return them to The Arc. We ask that all returned gifts be new and wrapped.

The Arc will also accept monetary donations to purchase gifts.

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 Soupline for dinner from 4:15-6 p.m.

Volunteers are also needed for the Christmas at Italian Lake event on December 9 and 10. Needs include set-up, staffing the event and tear-down.
Bountiful Blessings, Inc.

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

The organization needs a walk behind fork lift / pallet stacker. The agency also seeks businesses or groups to conduct drives for non-food items. The core items needed are: toilet paper, trash bags, paper towels, dish liquid, shampoo, bath soap, all-purpose cleaners, glass cleaner, laundry detergent and toothpaste. These items are then distributed to struggling families and seniors.

Additionally, Bountiful Blessings seeks companies interested in running “jeans day” promotions where the proceeds benefit the agency.

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

The agency needs personal care gift bags for 250 youth ages 6-18. Contents needed for the bags include: soap, towels, washcloths, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, combs, gloves, hats and scarves.

Boy Scouts of America – New Birth of Freedom Council

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

Camp Tuckahoe 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, pots, pans, sheets and towels. Gift cards to Walmart and Giant are also welcome.

Bridge of Hope Harrisburg Area

Contact: Johanna Fessenden, 717.635.5957 (voice)
E-mail: bridgeofhope.hbg@gmail.com
Youth: Appropriate for youth, no minimum age

This agency needs donations of Christmas gifts for single homeless mothers and their children. Volunteers can contact the agency and obtain a wish list of items for a specific family. Donations of gift cards and cash to be used toward gifts for the families are always welcome.
Caitlin’s Smiles

Contact: Cheryl Hornung, 717.412.4759 (voice)
E-mail: caitlinssmiles@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 coloring books, journals, markers, pony beads and lacing (elastic and gimp).

Capital Area Head Start (Keystone Service Systems)

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

The agency is in need of donations to assist low-income families with basic needs required to support their families. Families served have children ages newborn to 5 as well as 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), ped 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 so additional items may be purchased for families as needed.
**Center for Independent Living**

**Contact:** Linda Arguedas, 717.731.1900, ext. 267 (voice)  
**E-mail:** larguedas@cilcp.org  
**Youth:** Appropriate for youth.

The Center for Independent Living in Camp Hill helps and continues to support people with disabilities transition out of nursing homes to live independently on their own in the community. The agency seeks the following items to help provide a holiday dinner for clients: 10 frozen turkey breasts OR gift cards to local food stores to purchase holiday dinner fixings.

**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 2018. 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:** Madeline Chronister, 717.688.7940, ext. 102 (voice), 717.688.7938 (fax)  
**E-mail:** mchronister@cancerrecovery.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.) and personal care items are also needed for last-minute holiday gifts for homeless and near-homeless individuals. White men’s socks are also needed.

Do you have a friend, family member or boss who has everything and is difficult to buy for? Consider a monetary donation to Christian Churches United in their honor.
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 Carepoint, Inc. (Adventure Zone Playground & Park)

**Contact:** Stacey McDonald 570.336.0443 & Lori Cartmill 717.580.7279
**Email:** smcdonald@capitalareachurch.com & lcartmill@capitalareachurch.com

Community Carepoint, Inc. seeks donations of branch loppers (up to 20) and manual hedge clippers (up to 10) as we continue to clear additional trails and disc golf holes at Adventure Park. This unique family park on the campus of Capital Area Christian Church is open to the public and includes a fully-accessible 1-acre playground, 1-mile paved fitness trail with accessible fitness stations, a 9-hole disc golf course with accessible tee pads, two sand-volleyball courts, a soccer field, and a 150-seat pavilion.

Volunteers are welcome to join in on the fun and physically exhilarating work days in the woods. Simply contact Stacey McDonald and work dates will be emailed to you in advance.

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.

Dauphin County Library System

**Contact:** Wendy McClure, 717.234.4961, ext. 107 (voice)
**E-mail:** wmcclure@dcls.org

The agency needs donations of new children’s books and early reader books, hard-cover or paperback, to provide a positive learning experience for children of adult offenders during parole visits. Please deliver to any of the eight libraries in the Dauphin County Library System and specify “for children’s outreach.”

See http://www.dcls.org/ for locations and hours.
Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties

Contact: Lori Dobbins, 717.258.4806 (voice)
E-mail: ldobbins@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: Linda Gzehoviak, 717.238.9304, ext. 105 (voice)
E-mail: lgzehoviak@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. Gloves for men and women are also needed and appreciated.

Family Promise of Harrisburg Capital Region

Contact: Lissette Gonzalez, 717.737.1100 (voice)
E-mail: lgonzalez@familypromisecr.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.

Friendship Center

Contact: Lynn Wuestner, 717.657.5635 (voice), 717.657.5022 (fax)
E-mail: lwuestner@lowerpaxton-pa.gov
Youth: Appropriate for youth, minimum age 16

Be part of a wonderful holiday celebration for the community at the annual tree lighting ceremony on Friday, December 1. Assist with games, arts and crafts, or be a Santa’s helper. Lots of fun while volunteering!
**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, wash clothes, 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 the agency’s woman and children’s programs.

**Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Harrisburg Area**

**Contact:** Suzanne Hartman, 717.545.7299 (voice)

**E-mail:** volunteer@harrisburghhabitat.org

**Youth:** Appropriate for youth ages 16 and older

Enthusiastic and courteous volunteers are needed from Wednesdays through Saturdays at the Harrisburg Habitat for Humanity ReStore. The agency also welcomes donations of bottled water, hard hats, coveralls, Home Depot and Giant gift cards, and office supplies.

**Helen O. Krause Animal Foundation, Inc.**

**Contact:** Julie Swenson, 717.432.3807 (voice), 717.432.3807 (fax)

**E-mail:** julie4horses@aol.com

**Youth:** Appropriate for youth, 13 to 16 years old must be with a parent for cat shelter; 18 years and older for the dog kennel.

Hold a collection drive for the following needed items: dry cat food (Purina Cat Chow, Purina One cat food and Purina kitten food), dry dog food (Purina One dog food), pâté canned cat food (Friskey), non-clumping litter, rag mops, sponge mops, replacement heads for mops, paper towels, laundry soap, hand doap, dish soap, towels and toys for animals. Donations of gift cards to PetSmart, Giant, Home Depot, Staples and Office Max are also needed. Volunteers are always needed for the dog kennel and cat shelter.

**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)

Gift and supply drives are very helpful, as well as financial donations to support the primary health and counseling programs. Gift cards to Staples, Target, Giant, Weis Markets, Darrenkamps, A.C. Moore and LifeWay Christian Store are needed. Stamps, k-cups, bottled water, manila files, hanging folders and copy paper are needed. Medium-sized, non-seasonal gift bags are needed for patient welcome bags and special gift items.

Hospice of Central Pennsylvania

Contact: Elizabeth Mihmet, 717.732.1000 (voice), 717.234.0384 (fax)
E-mail: Emihmet@hospiceofcentralpa.org

Hospice of Central Pennsylvania's residence, Carolyn's House, provides 24-hour hospice care to individuals who are unable to remain at the place they call home. Donations of gifts cards to Bed Bath & Beyond, Amazon, Home Depot, Target or Giant are needed to purchase supplies for Carolyn’s House and our patients and visiting families.

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 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 and after-care program as well as our seniors program. Our agency serves individuals of any denomination.
Join Hands Ministry

**Contact:** Michael Burns, 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 will have volunteers 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 AC Moore, Michaels, JoAnn Fabrics, 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, minimum age – middle school

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:** Tina Fornstrom, 717.652.8123 (voice), 717.671.9444 (fax)
**E-mail:** tina@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: laundry detergent, dryer sheets, bleach, soft dog training treats (such as Pupperoni), paper towels, Clorox wipes, mops, mop buckets, gift cards to local pet stores, chest freezer, dog poop bags, large plastic storage containers and Kuranda beds.

**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.

**Ned Smith Center for Nature & Art**

**Contact:** Beth Sanders, 717.692.3699 (voice)
**E-mail:** bsanders@nedsmithcenter.org

Youth: Appropriate for youth, no minimum age

Contributions to the center’s wish list is a great way to support this education-based facility during the holidays. Items on the wish list include Sharpie permanent markers (ultra-fine point or fine point, black and multi colors), Elmer's extra strength glue sticks (net weight .88 oz.), Crayola markers (“chubby” size for small hands, washable or non-washable, all colors), laminating pouches (8.5 x 11 letter size, 50-100 sheets, 3 mils thickness), clear heavy weight sheet protectors, neon post-it notes for a pop-up dispenser (neon green, neon yellow, neon pink, etc.), green index cards (3 x 5) and clear packing tape (“Duck” brand preferred).

The center is looking for more volunteers to help in the gift shop all year long, but especially during the holiday season. The days and hours of need are: Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.; and Tuesday and Wednesday, 1-4 p.m.

**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 programs.
New Hope Ministries

Contact: Alicia Roth, 717.766.7333, ext. 3014 (voice)
E-mail: aroth@nhm-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 14. The actual program will be December 15-16. 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/ to reserve your time and spot to help volunteer.

Newport Public Library

Contact: Jeanne Heicher, 717.567.6860 (voice), 717.567.3373 (fax)
E-mail: nppublib@pa.net
Youth: Not appropriate for youth

Over half of Perry County residents live in areas without a “home library” and they must pay to use libraries. A donation of $50 will sponsor a family’s library usage at Newport Public Library for one year. Your sponsorship will open the doors of reading for your sponsored family.

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 are also welcomed.

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.
**Paxton Ministries**

**Contact:** Stephanie Schaefer, 717.236.5508, ext. 131 (voice), 717.236.3099 (fax)

**E-mail:** sschaefer@paxtonmin.org

Paxton Ministries is a Christian nonprofit organization that provides affordable housing and support services to adults challenged with poverty, mental illnesses and intellectual disabilities.

Their needs this year include extra-long twin sheet sets, bath towels, wash cloths, stamps and note cards, Ziploc bags (sandwich size), brown bags, adult coloring books, colored pencils, Ensure, umbrellas and Clorox or Lysol wipes. Additionally, gift cards are always welcome in denominations of $5 or $10 for Giant, Walmart, Target and Community Aid.

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**The Partnership for Hope**

**Contact:** Dave Seaman, 717.545.7555 (voice), 717.545.5509 (fax)

**E-mail:** daveseaman@partnershipforhope.org

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

Join The Partnership for Hope to provide presents, a great meal and an evening of entertainment to more than 2,000 struggling people at the Farm Show Complex in December.

The agency will be collecting toys, games, educational items, movie tickets and gift cards starting December 1.

Volunteers are needed, too. E-mail volunteer@partnershipforhope.org before November 30 indicating your area of interest (serving food, preparing and distributing presents, assisting with registration, setting up and tearing down, providing transportation).

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**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; 4 oz. bubbles (non-scented), board games (Sorry, Guess Who, Trouble, Battleship, Memory, Boggle, Boggle Jr., Connect 4, Monopoly, Bop-It, Checkers, Chess), card games (regular playing cards, UNO, Skip-Bo, Phase 10, etc.), puzzles, sketch pads, snap together model car kits, current teen magazines, LipSmackers, make-up kits, nail polish, sports items (team hats, shirts, jerseys, posters, etc.).

Please call or e-mail to schedule a drop-off appointment. We would like to have all holiday donations by December 15.
**Project ASK, a Program of Christian Churches United**

**Contact:** Marcy Irvin, 717.737.9009 (voice)
**E-mail:** [ProjectASK@ccuhbg.org](mailto:ProjectASK@ccuhbg.org)
**Youth:** Appropriate for youth, no minimum age

Project ASK supports children in need in the West Shore School District with items such as backpacks, clothing, shoes and food. Currently needed are sweatpants in various youth sizes. Also needed are cash donations or gift cards to Walmart, Target, Old Navy, Kohl's or Boscov's to help us respond to the immediate needs of children as they arise. Contact Marcy if your business or church group would like to do a drive for Project ASK to work out the specifics.

**Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central PA (Hershey)**

**Contact:** Patrice Stillwell, Volunteer Manager, 717.533.4001 ext. 158
**E-mail:** [pstillwell@rmhc-centralpa.org](mailto:pstillwell@rmhc-centralpa.org)
**Youth:** Appropriate for youth, if under 18 must be accompanied by an adult

Donations of single serving foods (chips, crackers, cookies, cereal, soup, etc.) and gift cards for gas stations, local restaurants, grocery stores and long distance phone cards are needed for the House guests. Our complete wish list can be found on our website at [www.rmhc-centralpa.org](http://www.rmhc-centralpa.org).

Groups of volunteers (up to 10 people at a time) are needed to prepare breakfast (weekends) and dinner (daily) for all house guest families (approximately 70 servings). Information on the Guest Chef Program is available at [http://www.rmhc-centralpa.org/get-involved/meal-providers/](http://www.rmhc-centralpa.org/get-involved/meal-providers/)

**RSVP of the Capital Region**

**Contact:** Juli Obaya, 717.541.9521 (voice), 717.754.0307 (fax)
**E-mail:** [office@rsvpcapreg.org](mailto:office@rsvpcapreg.org)

The agency seeks volunteers to knit hats, gloves, blankets, etc. to donate to kids and the elderly. Donations of yarn are also needed for this project.

Donations of non-perishable food and drink are needed for inner office volunteers.
The Salvation Army Harrisburg Capital City Region

Contact: Melissa Snyder, 717.233.6755, ext. 111
E-mail: melissa.snyder@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.

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 unfilled.

Volunteering: Volunteers are needed to sort, pack and distribute gifts for children from December 12-21. This project is appropriate for individuals and groups. Sign up at http://www.timetosignup.com/salvationarmyhbg.

Contact: Major Elizabeth Griner, 717.233.6755, ext. 120
E-mail: elizabeth.griner@use.salvationarmy.org
Youth: Appropriate for older youth

Brighten the holidays of local senior citizens through friendly visits and gift delivery at nursing homes and corporate residences. Visits will take place in December.

Contact: Jessica Johnson, 717.233.6755, ext. 138
E-mail: jessica.johnson@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 also welcomed to support shelter operations and the veteran’s program.

Gift cards to Walmart, Target, Giant, Weis, Karns, Home Depot, Lowes, Kmart, Staples and Office Max are appreciated. Gas cards from 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, radios, flat screen televisions, home furniture (if it can be delivered), rugs, coffee pots, small appliances, dishes, umbrellas, rain ponchos, linens, silverware, and pots and pans.

St. Francis of Assisi Soup Kitchen

Contact: (Ms.) Chucky Palmer, 717.236.4506 (voice), 717.232.4536 (fax)
E-mail: cfagan@hbgdiocese.org

The agency seeks volunteers to help serve Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, November 24. Volunteers are also needed to decorate between December 9 and 11 for the soup kitchen’s holiday party, as well as help with the event on December 17.

Suits to Careers, Inc. (formerly Dress for Success South Central PA & Tied to Success)

Contact: Pam Jones, Director of Operations, 717.232.1333 (voice), 717.232.1332 (fax)
E-mail: pjones@suitstocareers.org

Office Supplies: large trash bags, business-sized plain white envelopes, postage stamps, gift cards (Giant, Walmart, Sam’s, Sheetz), cleaning products, white printing paper and packing tape.

Personal Care Items: soap, adult tooth brushes, toothpaste, razors, shaving cream, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, women’s or men’s deodorant

Clothing: packaged socks, undershirts and briefs, steel toe shoes and boots

Consider having a donation made in your name when family and friends ask what would like this holiday season. Visit our website at Suitstocareers.org to learn more.
Susquehanna Harbor Safe Haven

Contact: Iris Thomas, 717.232.5029 (voice), 717.232.5091 (fax)
E-mail: ithomas@ccuhbg.org
Youth: Appropriate for youth, no minimum age

The agency needs men’s underwear and socks (white) for its residential program for men who were chronically homeless. Donations of gift cards to Super Shoes so men can obtain sturdy footwear, or gift cards to Walmart or Target for clothing are also 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.

Contact Iris Thomas for information on making welcome kits for men new to the program, which include bedding, towels and toiletries. Monetary donations in honor of a family member or friend are always welcome and appreciated.

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 games for pre-school and early learners. Also needed are gift cards or passes to area museums and attractions for adult students learning English as a Second Language.
UCP Central PA

Contact: Anna Spiess, 717.975.0611 (voice), 717.975.0839 (fax)
E-mail: anna.spiess@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! These include Visa gift cards in $25, $50 and $100 amounts for emergencies, special occasions, movies, and technology; $20 gift cards to Sheetz, Target, Kohl’s, Dick’s Sporting Goods, Walmart; $10 gift cards to Applebee’s, Pizza Hut, Papa John’s and Subway. The agency also welcomes cash gifts to help provide clothing needs, resident activities, recreational activities, furniture, and much more for the kids living at the home.

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 as well as activities related to the book that help to 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 staff pack the food boxes for distribution to recipient families and sort donations for the Christmas program.

Vision Resources of Central Pennsylvania

Contact: Cheryl Cuddy, 717.238.2531
E-mail: ccuddy@vrocp.org

Vision Resources relies greatly on generous volunteers who give their time in order to support their mission. They are in need of additional volunteers to read news, sports, and other information to be broadcast over the radio to clients who are not able to read the news due to vision loss.

YWCA Carlisle

Contact: Hannah Weisberg, 717.243.3818 (voice)
E-mail: hweisberg@ywca-carlisle.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 toys. Additional needs include gift cards (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 Youth Program Manager. Additionally, volunteers can help wrap presents and assemble crafts or games for the parties.