HOLIDAY CONNECTIONS
HOLIDAY PROJECT AND AGENCY WISH LIST
LIVE UNITED

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FOR MORE INFORMATION
Contact Heidi Neuhaus at 717.724.4055 or via e-mail hneuhaus@uwcr.org.
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.

WHY HELP?

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: Service to the Armed Forces Department; 866.311.3832 (phone)
E-mail: arc0906.saf@redcross.org
Youth: Appropriate for youth, minimum age 14 suggested, any age with adult assistance

Totes of Hope: The American Red Cross needs supplies for the Totes of Hope campaign, which collects toiletries, home goods and other items for Veterans in need and in care facilities. Please only send new items. Needed items include full-size toiletries like body wash, toothbrush and tooth paste, deodorant and similar; home goods like pots and pans, cutlery and cooking utensils, bedding and linens and similar; as well as books, playing cards and other morale boosting items.

Please email arc0906.saf@redcross.org to coordinate a pick-up or drop-off plan.

Amiracle4sure, Inc.

Contact: Marsha Banks, Executive Director, 717.232.0100 (phone), 877.601.5298 (fax)
E-mail: mbanks@amiracle4sure.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 (ex: 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 (ex: Claires, Piercing Pagoda, Walmart, Target).

Donations can be dropped off at the agency office located at 1735 State Street, Harrisburg between 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Arc of Cumberland and Perry Counties (CPARC)

Contact: Holly Turner, 717.249.2611 (phone), 717.249.9411 (fax)
E-mail: hturner@cparc.org
Youth: Appropriate for youth, no minimum age

As a CPARC Angel, you’ll make a difference in the life of someone with an intellectual disability. Some individuals who reside in a CPARC home may not have many family contacts and/or may be in need for the holidays.

You can make sure their holiday season is full of love and wonder!

To help purchase gifts, please contact Holly by November 6. She will send you a gift tag (includes a first name and a wish list of an individual who receives services at CPARC). You will then purchase the item and return the new, unwrapped gift along with the gift tag to CPARC.

Items on gift lists vary in expense. Some of the individuals request gift cards because they – like you and me – like to eat out, get their hair styled, or shop on their own. CPARC will gladly accept gift cards (Visa, Walmart, and Kohls are popular among our folks!) through November 30.

For those unable to shop, your kind monetary gift will be accepted through the end of the year.
**Bethesda Mission**

**Contact:** Rebecca Clymer, 717.257.4442, ext. 229 (phone); 717.257.5486 (fax)
**E-mail:** rclymer@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 four people (ages 12 and up) to serve in the Soup-line for dinner from 4:15-6 p.m.

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, 717.802.1222
**E-mail:** torendi@comcast.net
**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.

Additionally, Bountiful Blessings seeks companies, businesses or corporations interested in conducting “jeans day” / “casual day” promotions where the proceeds would benefit Bountiful Blessings.

**Boy Scouts of America – New Birth of Freedom Council**

**Contact:** Todd Weidner, 717.502.4190
**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 (phone), 717.233.5489 (fax)
**E-mail:** mbellesfield@bha-pa.org
**Youth:** Appropriate for youth, minimum age 14

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

**Contact:** Jenny Nace, 717.839.7077  
**E-mail:** jnace@bridgeofhopeharrisburg.org

Bridge of Hope Harrisburg Area serves single mothers and their children facing homelessness. Groups, churches, employers, families and friends are invited to collect gift cards for stores such as Target, Walmart, and Giant to be given to our families so they can purchase basic necessities (ex: groceries, gas, clothing, etc.) and Christmas gifts for their families.

**Caitlin’s Smiles**

**Contact:** Cheryl Hornung, 717.412.4759  
**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 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  
**E-Mail:** ksmith@keystonehumanservices.org

Donations are needed to help low-income families with basic needs. 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.). Additional items needed include new socks and underwear for boys and girls, sizes 3T – 6.

**Capital Area Therapeutic Riding Association (CATRA)**

**Contact:** Michael Babbitt, 717.298.7035 (phone), 717.469.0095 (fax)  
**E-mail:** mike@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: Lesly Thames, 717.652.8740 (phone), 717.545.0145 (fax)
E-mail: lthames@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, 717.547.6342
E-mail: cgray@centralpafoodbank.org
Youth: Appropriate for youth age 18 and older

Volunteer: Your time is a gift! Volunteers produce the equivalent of a meal a minute while helping the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank sort and pack food into boxes for families in need. Individuals or groups up to 30 can safely volunteer in the large, off-site Central Packing Operation with wide space for social distancing and other COVID-19 protocols. Shifts available Monday – Saturday. Volunteers must be 18 years or older. Log on to https://www.centralpafoodbank.org/ways-to-give/give-time/ to sign up.

Contact: Jennifer Kern, 717.547.6344
E-mail: jkern@centralpafoodbank.org
Youth: Appropriate for youth

Virtual Fund Drive: Invite your friends, neighbors and colleagues to make a holiday gift to fight hunger virtually. For every $1 donated, the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank can provide 6 meals. Your financial donations maximize the food bank’s acquisition of bulk quantities of healthy, fresh food to keep up with the need to feed 200,000 people per month. A fun web-based virtual fund drive allows everyone to participate at the office or at home, or their home office.

Christ Lutheran Health Ministries

Contact: Rev. Drew Stockstill, 717.236.8382
E-mail: dstockstill@gmail.com
Youth: Appropriate for youth with adult assistance

The free health clinic is in need of: Contour blood glucose test strips; generic Claritin, Zyrtec and Benadryl; honey; cough drops; and tissues. Other items needed: hygiene items; new or gently used washcloths and towels; new underwear and socks for men or women; coffee, hot chocolate and tea bags.

The ministry also welcomes gift cards (Walmart and Target are most requested) for families to purchase gifts for the holidays.
**Christian Churches United/HELP Ministries**

**Contact:** Aisha Mobley, 717.230.9550 (phone), 717.230.9554 (fax)

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

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

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

Volunteers and donations needed for our Winter Hazardous Weather Shelter for women: Volunteers serve from 7 – 10 p.m., 2 – 4 times a month during the winter. Donations needed include clear storage bins, cream/sugar packets for coffee, sanitizing spray and wipes, gallon size Ziplock bags, used smartphones.

Volunteers to help market “Joy to the Burg 2020” Christmas CDs which are being sold to raise funds for our programs for those experiencing homelessness.

Welcome Home Kits: This is 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 details visit: [www.ccuhbq.org/welcomehome](http://www.ccuhbq.org/welcomehome).

**Contact to Care**

**Contact:** Heidi Neuhaus, 717.724.4055 (phone), 717.732.5100 (fax)

**E-mail:** hneuhaus@uwcr.org

**Youth:** Appropriate for youth

Contact to Care, a community pilot project focusing on access to health care, needs items to help families they work with. Items needed are dental kits (toothpaste, toothbrush, dental floss), first aid supplies (band-aids, antibacterial ointment, thermometer and ibuprofen) and personal care kits (shampoo/conditioner, soap/body wash, brush, comb, hair bands and scrunchies). Items may be donated in bulk or assembled in kits prior to donation.

**Cumberland County Library System Foundation**

**Contact:** Jairee Counterman, 717.740.6174 (phone)

**E-mail:** jcounterman@ccpa.net

**Youth:** Appropriate for youth

Our libraries need donations of new young adult books, children’s books, and early reader books, hardcover or paperback, and gift cards that can be used as incentives for readers of all ages who achieve their reading goals. Items can be mailed to or dropped off at 400 Bent Creek Blvd, Ste 150, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050 from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, please visit [www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org](http://www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org).
Dauphin County Library System
Contact: Wendy McClure, 717.234.4961, ext. 1113
E-mail: wmcclure@dcls.org

The library needs donations of new children’s books and early reader books, hardcover or paperback. The books 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
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
E-mail: scann@pinestreet.org
Youth: Not appropriate for youth

Downtown Daily Bread serves the hungry and homeless in the Harrisburg community. Donations of clean clothing are always in need by people who live unsheltered. Please consider donating new or gently used clothing especially: hooded sweatshirts, sweatpants, short sleeve-shirts, durable winter coats with hoods, and walking shoes or boots that are water-resistant or water-proof. Popular clothing sizes Mens L – XXL, and shoes sizes Mens 9 – 11. To coordinate a drop-off at the shelter, please email scann@pinestreet.org.

Friends of Midland
Contact: Barbara Barksdale, 717.579.0003 (phone)
E-mail: mscmtyldy@aol.com
Youth: Appropriate for youth, min age 16

Donations will be used for the purpose of land restoration, preservation and educational purposes. Staples gift cards are needed so we can purchase office supplies such as document containers for historic information. Gift cards from Home Depot and/or Lowe’s are also needed to purchase tools for gardening, repairing wooden fencing and to care for the fragile headstones that are over 100 years old.
Gaudenzia

Contact: Jim Ingolio, 717.238.4200, ext. 1117  
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.

Hamilton Health Center

Contact: Bradley Gebhart, 717.230.3942  
E-mail: bgebhart@hamiltonhealthcenter.com
Youth: Appropriate for youth ages 10 and over

The agency welcomes donations of new or gently used books for the WIC waiting room. The agency has a “read-one/take-one” policy and tries to get books into the hands of as many clients/participants/patients as possible.

Contact: Angela Blair, 717.743.0004 (work cell) or 717.232.9971, ext. 3623  
E-mail: ablair@hamiltonhealthcenter.com

Baby Love Program: This program supports clients who struggle with opioid and other drug additions. They welcome donations of gift cards to Giant, Target or WalMart to help purchase specific items. Other items needed include blankets, space heaters, CAT 11-ride bus passes, cleaning products, laundry products, bed sheets, towels and crock pots.

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. Neither WIC nor food stamps can be used for diapers. To help these families, Healthy Steps Diaper Bank is looking for diaper donations (sizes 5 and 6 are most needed) and for monetary donations to purchase diapers and supplies for the warehouse.

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

Historical Society of Dauphin County

Contact: Christine Turner, 717.233.3462 (phone), 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:** Anne Marie McAlester, 717.367.9797, ext. 313  
**E-mail:** annemarie.mcalester@hopewithin.org  
**Youth:** Appropriate for youth, minimum age 14 (for service projects)

Hope Within would appreciate donations of any of the following items: rolls of forever postage stamps; $25 gift cards to: Giant, Weis, Target, Amazon, Walmart, Turkey Hill; cases of bottled water; copy paper; toilet paper; paper towels; 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, Melatonin 5 mg, Hydrocortisone 1% cream or ointment, generic lubricant eye drops, Emergency/ Vitamin C, probiotics, Hydrogen Peroxide, Turmeric 500 or 750 mg capsules, Iron pills, cough drops; full size hand lotion; full size shampoo and conditioner (men’s and women’s); full size box of feminine tampons; full size box/package feminine pads; full size tooth paste; toothbrushes; dental floss; Lysol or Clorox disinfectant wipes; Scotch tape; 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.

The agency could also use donations of small new toys for children to use as giveaways. Also appreciated are 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 (phone); 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 of Greater Harrisburg

**Contact:** Steven Schauder, 717.233.1681, ext. 3006  
**E-mail:** sschauder@jfosfhbg.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. The agency also needs volunteers to pack and deliver nutritious Kosher meals due to increased volume over the holiday season.
Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg

**Contact:** Jennifer Ross, 717.236.9555, ext. 3104 (phone); 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. We can also use new card games, board games and other items to work hand eye coordination and dexterity for Rock Steady Boxing for people with Parkinsons. Our agency serves individuals of any religious denomination.

Join Hands Ministry

**Contact:** Michael Burns or Sheree Seifert, 717.582.7844
**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 (phone), 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 Amazon, Walmart, Giant, Karns, Weis, Wegmans and Aldi. The gift cards would be used to purchase materials and supplies for our children, teen and adult programs. The agency also needs reams of 20-pound white photocopy paper.

Joshua Group

**Contact:** Deb Miller, 717.236.4464 (phone), 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 preschool 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.

Manada Conservancy

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

Monetary donations made out to Manada Conservancy are needed to help complete land preservation projects and restoration plantings. The agency can also use Staples gift cards for office supplies and Home Depot or Lowe’s gift cards for preserve maintenance. Donations of tools including shovels, hammers, clippers and weed whacker are also welcomed.
MidPenn Legal Services
Contact: Paula Burkett, 717.234.0492 (phone), 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.

Mission Central
Contact: Stephanie Titzel, 717.766.1533, ext. 118
E-mail: stitzel@missioncentral.org
Youth: Appropriate for youth, minimum age 10 when accompanied by an adult

Mission Central assists millions of people each year...locally, nationally and globally. Donations are critical to help fulfill the agency’s goal of “Connecting God’s Resources with Human Need.” In addition to financial donations, other donations are extremely helpful. The items needed to assemble various kits, donations of household goods, furniture, clothing and even computers, can make the difference for someone. You’d be amazed at how much good your GENTLY used furniture or unused medical supplies can do!

Items most needed include: blankets, toothbrushes, toothbrush holders, toothpaste, men's socks, winter hats, gloves and scarves, small hand sanitizers, travel size toiletries, first aid items, reusable water bottles, ponchos and drawstring vinyl backpacks.

Neighborhood Center of the United Methodist Church
Contact: Gary Fallings, 717.233.6541 (phone), 717.233.6554 (fax)
E-mail: gfallings@neighborhoodcenterumc.org
Youth: Appropriate for youth, no minimum age

Donations are needed to support young mothers and low-income families with basic needs. The agency welcomes donations of gift cards to Target, Giant and Walmart so clients can purchase food and other living essentials. The center also needs diapers, toilet paper, disinfectant and all household items.

The agency has several upcoming events and could use assistance, including:
- **Thanksgiving Dinner** on November 19, 2020: Items needed are food, decorations, coats, hats and volunteers to prepare and serve the meal.
- **Black Friday Sleepover** on November 26, 2020: Items needed include activities, games, food (or Giant gift cards).
- **Christmas Party** on December 16, 2020: Items needed include decorations, toys, gifts, volunteers and food for the party.
**New Hope Ministries**

**Contact:** Mary Wheeler (Mechanicsburg) 717.766.7333, ext. 3010  
**E-mail:** mwheeler@nhm-pa.net  
**Contact:** Bonnie Grotjan (Lemoyne) 717.774.6255, ext. 602  
**E-mail:** bgrotjan@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 9 (Mechanicsburg). The actual program will be December 10-11 (Mechanicsburg) and December 14-15 (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 after November 1 at https://nhm-pa.org/holiday-events/ to reserve your time and spot to help volunteer.

**Northern Dauphin County Branch YMCA**

**Contact:** Carol Bostdorf, 717.362.9494 (phone), 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 (phone), 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 ornaments and Christmas cards. The agency also needs volunteer bell ringers for their Salvation Army Unit.

**The Salvation Army Harrisburg Capital City Region**

**Contact:** Heather Fox-Kaufman, 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, 717.233.6755, ext. 138  
**E-mail:** heather.fox-kauffman@use.salvationarmy.org  
**Youth:** Appropriate for youth, minimum age 16

Volunteers are needed, in December to sort, pack and distribute gifts for children. This project is appropriate for individuals and groups. Sign up at: [http://www.timetosignup.com/salvationarmyhbg](http://www.timetosignup.com/salvationarmyhbg).

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Volunteers are needed to help ring bells at the standing kettles. Shifts are available at various 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](http://www.timetosignup.com/salvationarmyhbg).

**Status of 2020 Kettle program is unknown at the time of publication – visit website above. If shifts are available, they will be posted there. Contact us with questions.**

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**Shalom House**

**Contact:** Kyla Harvey, 717.920.4906 (phone), 717.441.1159 (fax)  
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**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: Carol Fagan, 717.232.1003  
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The agency seeks volunteers to help serve Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, November 26. Volunteers are also needed for the soup kitchen’s Christmas party on December 19.

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 would be very helpful.

Susquehanna Harbor Safe Haven

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

The agency needs men’s underwear, undershirts and socks (sizes large through 3XL) for chronically homeless clients in the residential program. Donations of gift cards to Giant, Walmart or Target are very helpful. Also needed are toiletries such as body wash, shampoo, razors and shaving cream, deodorant, hand/body lotion and laundry detergent. Donations of bedding items such as sheet sets and bath towels are also welcome.

Tri County Community Action

Contact: Ronda Kennedy-Rowe, 717.232.9757, ext. 113 (phone), 717.234.2227 (fax)  
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Youth: Appropriate for youth, no minimum age

The agency would appreciate donations of new gloves, hats and scarves for youth for their Warm Hands Holiday Tree. Monetary donations are also welcomed and accepted.

Items may be dropped off at 1514 Derry Street in Harrisburg OR 8407 Spring Road, Suite 1 in New Bloomfield.

Tri-County OIC Adult Learning Center

Contact: Jeffrey Woodyard, 717.238.7318 (phone), 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:** Janeen Latin, 717.737.3477 (phone), 717.975.3333 (fax)
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**Youth:** Appropriate for youth

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. [www.ucpwishlist.com](http://www.ucpwishlist.com)

Donate Program Supplies: Purchase supplies for residential homes and community participation supports programs. This includes items such as art supplies, small household items and recreational items. [www.ucpwishlist.com](http://www.ucpwishlist.com)

**Upper Dauphin Human Services Center, Inc.**

**Contact:** Patti Boyer, 717.453.9352 (phone), 717.453.8299 (fax)
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**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.

**Volunteers of America of Pennsylvania**

**Contact:** Desiree Carr, 717.236.1440 (phone), 717.236.6930 (fax)
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**Youth:** Appropriate for youth, minimum age 14

The agency needs new, unwrapped toys for an annual holiday toy drive. Donations benefit the children of low-income and veteran families. The agency is happy to provide gift wish lists, “angel cards,” or gift suggestions based on age. Gift cards are welcome for older children. The agency also needs gift cards to local grocery stores to provide families with the means to prepare a holiday meal. Volunteers are needed throughout the holiday season to help sort, tag and distribute gifts to families.
**Wildheart Ministries**

**Contact:** Joanna Yoder  
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**Youth:** Appropriate for youth

Wildheart is located in Allison Hill, one of the most underserved communities in Harrisburg, serving residents through beautification and clean-up projects. To foster connection and community, Wildheart also hosts multiple block parties every year. You can help by donating the following items: cotton candy machine, heat lamps, 10'x10' tents, outdoor movie screen and a projector.

Another way we bring life and hope to Allison Hill is through community gardens, trash removal and beautification projects. You can help by donating items such as: new or gently used gas-powered outdoor equipment, watering cans, a mobile watering tank, work gloves, hand gardening tools, shovels and rakes, contractor trash bags and Home Depot/Lowes gift cards. Monetary donations of any kind are also very much appreciated and will go directly into our efforts to Love the Hill.

Christmas at The Mansion: Donations (cash and material) and volunteers are needed for our fourth annual event hosted in the heart of Allison Hill. Donations of age appropriate gifts for children (boys and girls) ages infant to 18 years are also needed. The gifts will then be sorted, wrapped and labeled by volunteers for distribution on December 12. The following material donations are acceptable: toys, hygiene products, clothing, shoes, blankets, baby supplies, winter coats and gift cards.

**YWCA Carlisle**

**Contact:** Thomas Kohutiak, 717.243.3818 (voice)  
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**Youth:** Appropriate for youth, adults, families

YWCA Carlisle would appreciate donations of feminine hygiene products. Other items needed include track suits, hoodies, sweatpants, sweatshirts and new underwear for the Sexual Assault/Rape Crisis program.

**YWCA of Greater Harrisburg**

**Contact:** Monica Flickinger  
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**Youth:** Appropriate for youth, adults, families

Holiday Giving Program: Each holiday season, the YWCA of Greater Harrisburg partners with local individuals and organizations to support hundreds of families in need. Residents and clients in need sign up for the program by submitting a wish list. 2020’s wish lists will only consist of one need and one wish. We are seeking community members to adopt a client’s wish list!

Another way to get involved is by sponsoring items on our general wish list. These items are distributed to new women and children that arrive in the shelter over the holidays. While we normally welcome individuals who are delivering gifts or volunteering to help wrap presents, social distancing presents us with new challenges. Volunteer opportunities will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.