

Christmas Assistance

Ingham, Eaton, Clinton, Shiawassee and Ionia Counties:

City Rescue Mission of Lansing is offering Christmas baskets, toys for children ages 0-12, and new blankets. Sign-up times for 2009 are Monday, November 16-Friday, November 20 from 9-11 am and 2-4 pm The basket giveaway will be on Monday, December 21, 2009. Those receiving baskets must bring their own transportation and help for carrying the basket if needed. Low-income families who are not receiving Christmas assistance from other agencies are eligible. Names and addresses will be checked through a clearing house. Must apply in person at 613 East Michigan Avenue, Lansing. Christmas sign-up will be on November 16-20, 2009. Sign up times are 9-11 am and 2-4 pm. Bring a picture ID, ID for children, recent rent receipt, and income verification.

Ingham County:

✳ Meridian Township Human Services is offering Christmas baskets and holiday gifts/toys to low-income Meridian Township residents. Call (517) 853-4200 from 8-5 M-Th between October 19 and November 20 to schedule an interview.

✳ Stockbridge Community Outreach is offering Christmas baskets and holiday gifts/toys to low-income residents of the Stockbridge School District. To apply, call (517) 851-7275 between 9-12 & 1-3, M, W, F and also 6-8 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month.

✳ The Capital Area Salvation Army Distribution Center is offering assistance through the Toy Shop, Angel Tree, Adopt-A-Family, and Christmas Food Voucher program for low-income residents of the cities of Lansing and East Lansing. The 2009 Christmas Assistance Sign-up is Monday, October 26-Wednesday, November 25, 2009. The hours are 9 a.m.-3:45 p.m. on M, T, W and F. On Thursdays intake is done from 11 a.m.- 6:45 p.m. You do NOT need an appointment to be interviewed. Bring with you a picture ID, something with current address on it, social security card for person making the application, social security numbers for everyone in the home, paper work to verify income for all adults in the home, Medicaid/insurance card, birth certificate or social security card to verify children in the home, DHS case # or Bridge Card. *Ask also about winter clothing/coats for kids!

✳ (Holt Residents Only) The Capital Area Salvation Army Distribution Center is offering assistance through the Toy Shop, Angel Tree, Adopt-A-Family, and Christmas Food Voucher program for low-income residents. Holt residents should apply at the Christmas Clearance Bureau FOR TOYS. For food for the holidays, Holt residents should apply at the Holt Community Food Bank located at 2021 N. Aurelius Rd., Holt (in the building behind the Holt First Presbyterian Church) October 1-December 11 on Mondays 9-11 am, Wednesdays 5-7 pm, Thursdays 5-7 pm & Fridays 5-7 pm. You do NOT need an appointment to be interviewed. Bring with you a picture I.D., something with current address on it, social security card for person making the application, social security numbers for everyone in the home, paper work to verify income for all adults in the home, Medicaid/insurance card, birth certificate or social security card to verify children in the home, DHS case # or Bridge Card. *Ask also about winter clothing/coats for kids!

✳ Volunteers of America is offering Christmas Baskets, holiday gifts/toys, and a holiday family adoption program for low-income families. Go to www.voami.org to apply for assistance or to sign up to be a sponsor family. Once the online application is complete, you must send copies to VOAMI

of the following documents: a government issued photo identification that matches the applicant's home address; birth certificates for all children, or a letter from the child's school verifying that they are enrolled; proof of income (pay stubs, eligibility letter from Michigan Department of Human Services, etc.). No application will be considered without receipt of all required documentation.
*Ask about free clothing!

✿ Leslie Outreach is offering Christmas baskets and holiday gifts to low-income families. Call (517) 589-5814 to apply.

✿ Capital Area Community Services is offering Christmas Baskets and gifts to low-income families in Mason, Holt, Webberville, and Williamston. To apply, call (989) 224-6702.

✿ The Williamston Food Bank is offering Christmas baskets and holiday gifts to low-income residents of Williamston. To apply, call (517) 655-3562.

✿ Child and Family Services of Michigan is offering Holiday Adoption programs and holiday gifts for children and youth who are in foster care, residential care, or group home. Donor groups and individuals purchase and wrap gifts from a child's Wish List. Call (517) 349-6226 for more information.

Eaton County:

✿ GLEAP is offering Christmas baskets and Holiday gifts/toys to low-income residents of the Grand Ledge School District. Call (517) 627-4348 for more information. Bring proof of residency.

✿ Society of Saint Vincent DePaul St. Gerard is offering Christmas Day dinner (and transportation) to those who find themselves alone and/or in need at the holiday. Christmas dinner will be served at 12:30 pm at the St. Gerard Parish Fr. Weber Hall at 4433 W. Willow Highway, Lansing (behind the school). Call (517) 323-2379 to reserve a place or arrange for transportation. You will be picked up between 10:30 am and 12:00 pm.

✿ Potterville Christmas Assistance is offering food baskets and toys for kids. To apply, call Jo Lehman at (517) 645-2313, or Missi Bolley at (517) 588-9788 by November 20.

✿ Bellevue Good Samaritans is offering Christmas food baskets and toys from Giving Tree to low-income residents of Bellevue. To apply, call Max Troutman at (269) 763-9422 by November 19.

✿ Charlotte Chamber of Commerce is offering Christmas baskets and holiday gifts/toys to low-income Charlotte area residents. Residents who want to receive assistance for Christmas must complete an application card and return the card to the chamber. The cards will be available at the Eaton County DHS office and the Chamber office starting the week of December 1, 2009. Call (517) 543-0400 for more information.

✿ Helping Hands Love is offering a referral service to the Charlotte Fire Department for holiday gifts and toys. Call (517) 541-2010 for more information.

✿ First Presbyterian Church of Dimondale is offering Christmas baskets and toys to low-income residents of Dimondale who are on a fixed income. Call (517) 646-0641 from 9am-12pm, or call (517) 646-6183 to leave a message.

✳ First Baptist Church is taking applications for referral only to the Christian Community Action Group which is the group responsible for the Christmas Basket and toy program in the Eaton Rapids and Springport school district areas. Call (517) 663-7104 by November 15 to apply.

✳ Olivet Good Neighbors is offering Christmas baskets and gifts to low-income residents of Olivet. To apply, call (269) 749-2631, and leave a message with your name and telephone number.

✳ The Charlotte Fire Department is offering services through The Christmas Kiddies Program to provide toys and presents to low-income families with children 14 and under in the Charlotte area and surrounding townships. Call the Fire Department starting Monday, November 30, 2009 anytime during the day before 8:00 pm at (517) 543-0241.

✳ Housing Services for Eaton County is providing the intake for Toys for Tots program in Eaton County. This program provides toys for children up to age 15. Call (517) 541-0296 to apply. The deadline to apply is November 28, 2008 at 3:00 pm.

Clinton County:

✳ (North of Clark Road): Capital Area Community Services is offering Christmas Baskets and gifts to low-income families. To apply, call (989) 224-6702.

Ionia County:

✳ Vermontville Christmas Assistance is offering Christmas baskets and holiday gifts to low-income residents of Vermontville. Call Mary Fisher at (517) 726-0670 by December 1, 2009 to apply.

✳ Department of Human Services is taking applications for Toys for Tots. To apply, visit the DHS building located at 920 E. Lincoln Ionia MI 48846, by December 6. Hours are M-F 7:30am-5pm.

Shiawassee County:

✳ Lakewood Community Council is offering Christmas baskets and gifts to low-income residents of the Lakewood School District. Call (269) 367-4942 or Central United Methodist Church at (616) 374-8861 to apply.

✳ Shiawassee County Salvation Army is offering a coat drive, toys, and food for those who qualify. Go to 302 E. Exchange, Owosso by November 6 to apply. Their hours are M,W,F, 10am-3pm. After November 6, call (989) 725-7485 to apply.