



ALL PROGRAMS ARE NOW CLOSED



Holiday Assistance offered by Organizations

*Several agencies that provide assistance during the holiday season provide assistance only to established clients and therefore are not listed.

MARION COUNTY

Phillips Temple Christmas Dinner

210 E. 34th St., Indianapolis 46205 – 925-2000

Provides a free sit down traditional Christmas dinner on Christmas day from 11am-2pm to anyone who would like to attend. There is no carry out or delivery available. Everyone is welcome. Please call to reserve a place.

Wheeler Mission Christmas Breakfast

245 N. Delaware, Indianapolis 46204 – 687-6795

Offers a Christmas breakfast to those in need on Dec. 25, 2009 from 7am-8am. Client must go to the mission in person and request a meal ticket on the day of the breakfast.

Breakfast with Santa at Douglass Park

1616 E. 25th St., Indianapolis, IN

Dec. 19, 11am-2pm

Provides a late breakfast to any family with children who would like to attend. Santa Claus will be there to talk to children.

Prince Hall Masonic Lodge Christmas Party and Toy Giveaway (CLOSED, FINISHED FOR THE 2009 SEASON)

Provides a Christmas party and toy giveaway to the general public. All children will be given a free gift and their will be singing and activities. Registration is not required, no ID will be requested and no age limits are set. All are welcome.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) (CLOSED, FINISHED FOR THE 2009 SEASON)

Dial Connect2Help 2-1-1 at 2-1-1 or (317) 926-4357 to get connected to community resources.

SVdP does not have a specific holiday program, but can link persons in need with a local parish that MAY provide Christmas assistance. Only serves clients who live near a participating unit. Please be aware that not all parishes participate and interested persons must call to receive services.

RTV6 Toy Drive – (CLOSED, FINISHED FOR THE 2009 SEASON)

Enrollment is from Nov. 30 - Dec. 4, 2009. Will service **children 12 years and younger**. The toy line number will list toy drive application sites where clients can apply. All applicants should reside in the boundary in which they apply. Applicants outside of Marion County should apply at the nearest participating agency. Applicants who are being helped by United Christmas Service will not get any additional toys. Applicants must bring picture ID for themselves and Social Security numbers for all household members. Applicants also need to bring birth certificates for all children who will be receiving toys. Clients should choose one location and apply in person. Each agency will give the date and time of their toy distribution to those who qualify.

Salvation Army City Christmas (CLOSED, FINISHED FOR THE 2009 SEASON)

Three Locations, Indianapolis – **CLOSED**

Applications accepted Nov. 3rd to Dec. 3rd on Tues. and Thurs 5pm-8pm and Sat. 9am-noon (Except Nov. 26 & 28). Christmas assistance is limited to households with working parents; parents in school; or grandparents who are legal guardians of grandchildren. **MUST SHOW PROOF OF EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS SINCE JANUARY 1, 2009 OR SCHOOL ENROLLMENT FOR THE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD.** Will begin accepting applications at any of three locations (see below). Deadline for applications is December 3, 2009. Clients must apply in person and bring picture ID for all adults in the household; Social Security cards for all persons in the household; proof of combined household income; birth certificates; school records, shot records or Medicaid card for all children in the household; and proof of address such as a lease, utility bill or mail postmarked within the last week. All applicants will be cross-referenced with the United Christmas Service to prevent duplication of service. **Eligible applicants will be notified by mail by Dec. 20.** Eligible families will receive an invitation to the "Toy Shop" where they can pick out new toys. Applications for services are being accepted on a first come basis at the following locations:

Toys for Tots at Ft. Harrison YMCA (CLOSED, FINISHED FOR THE 2009 SEASON)

Interested persons may pick up an application Mon.-Fri. 6am-9pm to register their children for Toys for Tots. Staff at YMCA cannot answer questions about the program. Eligible persons will be contacted as to the date, time and location of toy distribution. Upon arriving at the distribution site applicants must present a Photo ID.

Shop With a Cop – Marion County (CLOSED, FINISHED FOR THE 2009 SEASON)

FOP, 1427 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46201

Provides winter clothing and one toy to underprivileged youth from central Indiana Birth-age 18 (as long as they are still in school). Interested parents, organizations or churches should mail their requests to the above address. Include the parent/guardian's name, address, phone number and ages of each child and explain in a letter why assistance is needed. They will then be mailed the application and requirements necessary to be considered. Upon receipt of the completed application and documentation requested, a determination of their eligibility is made. The eligible families are notified of their acceptance by phone and what will be expected, including information on date and time of shopping. Deadline to apply is November 30, 2009.

Indianapolis Urban League (CLOSED, FINISHED FOR THE 2009 SEASON)

Dial Connect2Help 2-1-1 at 2-1-1 or (317) 926-4357 to get connected to community resources.

Mon.-Fri. 8:30am-5pm. Offers holiday assistance to children 13 and younger. Applications will be accepted at the Urban League office. They are NOT accepting any letters for assistance, interested persons must go to the Urban League in person. No phone calls please.

United Christmas Service (CLOSED NOT ACCEPTING ANYMORE REFERRALS)

This year there are NO general applications. You must already have a social worker or case worker and approach that person to apply on your behalf. The applications must be submitted by the case worker or social worker by the November 20th deadline. Letters from families in need are not accepted.

Christamore House Christmas Program – (CLOSED, FINISHED FOR THE 2009 SEASON)

Provides a toy per child under 18 and food for Christmas to people who **LIVE IN THEIR BOUNDARY AREA**. Clients must bring a phone number where they can be reached, proof of address (no rent receipts), photo ID, proof of income for the past 60 days, social security cards for the entire family, birthdates and clothing sizes for the entire family. Boundary area is north to 38th St., west/south to Georgetown Rd to 16th to Olin Ave. to Hold Rd. to Creston Dr. to Tibbs Ave. to Michigan St., east to White River in Marion County.

BOONE COUNTY

Caring Center Christmas Assistance - Gifts

620 Indianapolis Ave, Lebanon 46052 – 765-482-2020

Adult shopping times are: Mon. Dec. 14 9am-2pm; Tues. Dec. 15 11am-5pm; Wed. Dec. 16th 9am-2pm

Children shopping times are: Thurs. Dec. 17, 11am-6pm; Fri. Dec. 18 11am-4pm

Offers Christmas gift shopping for **BOONE COUNTY families** who are not receiving Christmas assistance from another agency. Parents may shop on the designated dates for their children that are 18 years and younger who live in their home. Children may shop for parents and siblings. Parents must have a current picture ID with correct address and proof of income, the children are eligible to shop if the parents' documentation is in order.

Caring Center Christmas Assistance – Dinner Basket

620 Indianapolis Ave., Lebanon 46052 – 765-482-2020

Offers Christmas food to prepare a holiday meal at home for low income **residents of Boone County**. Must have a current picture ID and proof of current address and proof of income. Walk ins accepted.

Mon. Dec. 21st, 9am-2pm; Tues. Dec. 22nd, 11am-5pm; Wed. Dec. 23rd 9am-2pm.

Christmas Shop with a Cop in Lebanon (CLOSED, FINISHED FOR THE 2009 SEASON)

1905 Indianapolis Ave, Lebanon 46052 – 765-482-8397

Local program for **BOONE COUNTY RESIDENTS** that matches children 12 and under with police officers for Christmas assistance. Applications are available at the Lebanon Police Department and the Boone County Sheriff's Department. Applications must be completed and returned by Nov. 24, 2009 no later than 4pm. Applications received after time will not be considered. Approved children will be taken shopping on Dec. 19th at the Lebanon Walmart.

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HAMILTON COUNTY

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Good Samaritan – 317-842-2603 (CLOSED, FINISHED FOR THE 2009 SEASON)

Giveaway held at Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, Noblesville, IN 46060

Dec. 12, 2009 from 9am-3pm

Provides toys, clothes and a food box to Hamilton county residents who are 100% of poverty or below or those who have recently lost their job. Interested persons should fill out an application at any social service agency or trustee in Hamilton County. Giveaway will take place at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville. Anyone arriving at the fairgrounds MUST show proof of Hamilton County residency and a picture ID.

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HANCOCK COUNTY

Shop With a Cop – Hancock County (CLOSED, FINISHED FOR THE 2009 SEASON)

GPD, 116 S. State St., Greenfield, IN 477-4410

Provide Christmas assistance to area families in need. Eligible children up to the 8th grade are matched with law enforcement officers in Hancock County. Applications are available at county elementary and middle schools, the Greenfield Police Department or the Hancock County Sheriff Dept. Applications must be completed and returned by Nov. 20th. Applications received after time will not be considered. Approved children will be taken shopping on Dec.13 at the Greenfield Walmart. Persons who want to donate should make a check payable to "FOP Shop with a Cop" and send it to the Greenfield Police Dept at 116 S. State St., Greenfield IN 46140 by Nov. 20, 2009.

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HENDRICKS COUNTY

Unitarian Universalist Community Church is sponsoring a Christmas dinner at the **Hendricks Co. Senior Center**

1201 Sycamore Ln

317-838-8559 Dinner Coordinator

317-745-9978 Church

Provides dinner on Christmas Day to Hendricks County residents of any age who will be alone or unable to prepare a holiday meal. Dinner will be served at the Hendricks County Senior Citizens Center located at 1201 Sycamore Lane in Danville from 11am-2pm. Some meal delivery service and transportation is available if notified in advance. Also distributes gifts to children ages newborn to 18 years who are present at the dinner. Those who wish to attend the dinner or receive delivery service need to call the church coordinator and let them know how many people will be attending. Donations of new and gently used children's toys are appreciated.

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JOHNSON COUNTY

Christmas Angel (CLOSED, FINISHED FOR THE 2009 SEASON)

Matches households with children with local service clubs, churches, businesses and individuals who provide gifts or toys for Christmas. Children must be 17 and younger and not receiving Christmas assistance from another source. The deadline is December 4, 2009. Applicants must waive confidentiality. Head of household must provide proof of monthly household income, show proof that the child or children lives with them and provide social security numbers for the children and themselves. If the application is not filled out entirely and appropriately it will be sent back for corrections and must still reach Angel Tree by the deadline. There are a limited number of sponsors; assistance is NOT guaranteed.

Call or visit school counselor, social service organization or church for application. Client must provide contact and financial info and waive confidentiality.

Toys for Tots (CLOSED, FINISHED FOR THE 2009 SEASON)

Solicits new toys to be distributed to needy families in Johnson County at Christmas. Clients needing toys should pick up a registration form. Forms are to be completed and returned by Dec. 3. Any child not registered by that date is not guaranteed a gift.

MORGAN COUNTY

One Road Christmas - (CLOSED, FINISHED FOR THE 2009 SEASON)

Martinsville, IN 46151

Applicants may call to have an application mailed. Completed application must be received no later than Dec. 9, 2009.

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SHELBY COUNTY

Salvation Army Toy Town-398-7421 (CLOSED NOT ACCEPTING ANYMORE REFERRALS)

136 E. Washington St, Shelbyville 46176

Parents must apply between Oct. 15-Nov. 25.

Offers low-income Shelby County residents an opportunity to "shop" for dependent children birth-12 years. Parents must bring ID; rent receipt; proof of income; Social Security cards and birth certificates for all household members; and a copy of all expenses. Once their eligibility is determined, clients will be assigned a date and time to shop; they must keep that appointment in order to be served. Children in eligible families will be allowed to shop for adults in the family and will be assisted by volunteer hosts and hostesses

Volunteers and donations of new toys and new clothing are needed.

**If you are SEEKING holiday assistance
please look through the above list or dial 2-1-1.**

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Connecting Central Indiana with Resources

If your church or organization has a holiday assistance program not listed please contact Connect2Help's Community Resources Coordinator, LaJeana Haley, CRS, CIRS at 317-735-7586 or email her at lhaley@connect2help.org.

This page is updated as new resources emerge and information changes.

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