

Our Communities Need Your Help This Holiday Season

by Kate Jackson

With the holidays right around the corner, there is a lot to be excited about in the coming weeks. But, for many families on the North Shore, this can also be a time of year when resources are stretched thin and making ends meet becomes a little bit tougher. That's why now is the perfect time to start thinking about ways to reach out to those in need in your community and lend a hand if you can. Here are a few ideas to help you get going on giving this season:

When we think of the holidays, we think of family and we think of food. Every family in your community deserves to have healthy and tasty food during the holiday season (and all through the year). Food shelves are a critical resource for folks who need a little extra help keeping food on the table. These resources are very important all through the year, but food shelves can sometimes have a hard time keeping up with an increased demand during the holidays. Consider making a financial donation, giving food to your local food shelf, or even donating your time, to help ensure that everyone in the community has enough to eat in the coming months.

In Cook County, the food shelf is located in the lower level of the First Congregational Church (300 West Second Street) in Grand Marais and open every Monday from 3-5pm and the first Wednesday of the month from 5-7pm. They are currently in need of volunteers for the holiday season and beyond, as well as food and financial donations. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Gwen at 218-387-9860.

In Lake County, the Silver Bay food shelf is open Mon-Fri from

8-4pm, is located at 99 Edison Blvd and can be reached at 218-226-4443 for more information about pitching in. The Two Harbors location at AEOA (2124 10th Street) is open Tuesdays 10-4pm for food distribution but can also be reached during their office hours of Mon-Thurs from 10am to 4pm. Contact them at 218-391-8191 or visit their very helpful website at www.thfoodshelf.org to find out more about how you can help.

So many of us remember waking up on Christmas morning to discover what's been left beneath the tree; it's a moment that every kid eagerly anticipates this time of year. No child should miss out on this magical moment because of hard financial times. Donating toys to a local charity is a powerful way to ensure that every kid in your community is able to make the joyful holiday memories they deserve. And for those of us with kids of our own, allowing them to pick out a few new toys to share with those in need is a great way to teach the importance of giving to others.

In Cook County, look for Operation Family Christmas trees at various locations around the area. The trees hold tags with information about a child who's in need. Take a tag or two (or more) and pick out a new, unwrapped gift for each child. Remember to drop off your gifts, with tags securely attached, back to the location where you got the tag by December 16. Volunteers will then gather and distribute donated gifts to area families a few days before Christmas.

Parents or guardians who would like their child to receive a gift from Operation Family Christmas can pick up an application at the Cook County Senior Center, Grand Portage Human Services, from Anna Sandstrom at Cook County schools, or at the Cook County Sheriff's office. Applications must be returned by Friday, November 24, before 4pm.

Don't forget to keep an eye out for those Red Kettles this year, too; giving even a few cents here and there can make an impact in the long run. This campaign by the Salvation Army has a far reaching effect for those in need, even in our rural northern communities. Want to do more? Sign up to ring a bell for a few hours at a nearby business; it's a great family activity that can make a real difference. Bell ringing season began earlier this month and goes through Christmas Eve. You can sign up to be a bell-ringer online at www.salvationarmynorth.org.

No matter how, or how much, you and your family are able to give back this holiday season, know that every little bit helps and remember: the value of kindness is immeasurable.

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FEATURE PROPERTIES



•813 Slater Dr., Beaver Bay MLS 6030905: Looking for a house near the Gitchi Gammi bike w/city sewer & water & good storage. Check out this split entry house w/2 BA, up to 4 BR, full basement, att'd garage, rear deck, aux. garage & city water and sewer. **\$149,500**

Silver Bay & Surrounding Area

HOMES IN TOWN

•5881 Hwy 1, SB MLS6031441: Lg completely remodeled custom Kit. & many other updates throughout. 3+ BR, 2 BA, full walkout basement, w/det'd 3 car Gar, 30x50' quonset w/storage for equipment, tools & space to work on projects, good landscaping, convenient location, just an 8 min. walk to Baptism High Falls. It's the perfect place for you! **REDUCED \$215,000**

•5940 Old Hwy 61, SB MLS6028125: Rare opportunity to own 200 feet of Lk Superior lakefront w/ accessible beach. Let your vision create the color palette & update modifications you prefer. New roof in 2014. New septic system will be installed. Spring fed water supply. Tranquil, private setting, yet only six miles to Silver Bay, one hour to Duluth, & 3 1/2 hours to the Twin Cities. Walking distance to Tettegouche State Park, hiking trails & the Baptism River. **REDUCED \$349,900**

•61 Adams Blvd, SB MLS 6026996 : 1.7 story, 4 BR, 2 BA house back to the woods w/updates incl: siding, windows, shingles, 2nd floor add'n, new garage roof, no maint. decks, hardwood floors, new Kit. countertops & backsplash, oak cabinetry, hearth stove, new carpet, & good landscaping. Other feat's incl: full basement, att'd 2 car garage, shed & large side yard. **\$218,900**

•XX Burk Dr., SB MLS6031120: Wooded vacant lot w/view of Lk Sup., city water/sewer nearby. **\$18,500**

•19 Evans Circle, SB 2 BR, 1 BA, basement house on a level back to the woods site. **\$68,500**

•33 Garden Dr., SB MLS6029856: 2 BR, 2 BA house w/full partially finished basement & many updates throughout. Shingles, infloor heat, remod. kitchen, remod. BA's, new drywall, recessed lights, new furnace, & new sewer line. Other feat's include front deck, add'l covered storage behind garage or a covered patio let your imagination guide you. Level lot & quiet street. **REDUCED \$69,500**

•58 Horn Blvd, SB MLS6029726: 3 BR, 1 BA home, detached 2 car garage w/many updates in a convenient location on corner lot. Updates incl: vinyl windows, siding, overhead water lines, new plumbing in slab, new shingles, remodeled kitchen, paint, insulated garage, gardens and a large storage shed. **REDUCED \$74,900**

•14 Lee Cir., SB: Enjoy the features of this 4+ BR, 2.25 BA home w/full basement, patio & detached 2 car Gar. on level site. Improvements incl: newer shingles, new water heater, hdwd flooring, updated BA, updated Kit., good storage incl. add'l shed. **REDUCED \$129,500**

•49 Nelson Dr, SB, MLS6028794: Peacefull, move in ready, 2 story, 4BR, 2.5BA home, full basement, att'd gar., large back to woods site. Updates: siding, windows, sun rm, remod. kit. w/maple cabinets, maple hardwood fir., Silestone countertop, newer appliances, gas fp, ext. landscaping, Lg. workshop & shed. **\$225,000**

•57 Nelson Dr, SB MLS6030470: Looking for a back to the woods location on Lg site in City of Silver Bay, check out this 3BR, 3BA house w/det'd 2 car Gar., Lg. deck & many recent updates incl: windows, siding, deck, doors, some lighting, BA's, paint, & 6 panel maple interior doors w/matching trim. **REDUCED \$179,500**

RURAL HOMES

•3508 Hwy 61, TH MLS6029529: On Lk Sup. between Gooseberry & Split Rock w/easy acc. to Gitchi Gammi Bike trail. Custom built Arts & Craft style 3 BR, 2.5 BA home w/quality finishing throughout. Build a fire on the beach after a day of biking the Gitchi Gammi bike trail. Cook together, make new memories or share old ones in the kitchen, relax in the sunroom, & don't miss out on game night in the lower level. There is a green house & raised beds and lg. wood shop **\$897,500**

•6990 Air Base Rd, Finland MLS6030813: Listen to Tower Creek from the quiet setting of this 3 finished BR, plus a potential master BR suite, house w/ull walkout basement, deck, det'd 2 car garage & many updates including several windows, patio door, shingles, furnace, stainless appliances, remod. BA, hardwood floors & paint. **\$154,900**

•4622 Crown Creek Spur, Finland MLS6020160: Enjoy the peace & solitude of this property & listen to the sounds of Crown Creek from the covered porch of this 1BR, 1BA cabin. Log cabin has newer windows, electricity, gas forced air furnace, drilled well & a septic system. **\$169,500**

•5275 Williams Dr., SB MLS 6031285: Well built 3 BR, 1.5 BA multi level house w/det'd 3 car garage on a 2.45 acre site. **\$147,500**

•4392 Wood Ridge Rd, Beaver Bay MLS6029064: Own your own camper cabin on the North Shore w/ view of Lk. Sup., close to the Gitchi Gammi Bike trail, w/ Split Rock, Gooseberry & Tettegouche Park nearby. Read the prior Owner's history online. **REDUCED \$89,500**

•6771 Riverside Dr.: Nice lots on Baptism River with 300' of River Frontage. Structures need some TLC, but great opportunity to own property in the country. **\$89,900**

LAND & BUILDING SITES

•4751 Correll Rd, Finland MLS6029567: 7.5 wooded acres with approximately 328' of frontage on the Baptism River. Electricity is available nearby! Good location with recreation trails nearby and access to Highway 1 close. **\$65,900**

•XXX Sannes Rd., TH: 5.26 acres, very convenient road access, nice building sites, mature Norway Pines & Poplar trees, a creek bordering the property & electrical & high speed internet hook ups close by. Take a look today & don't miss this opportunity. **\$42,500**

•XXX Kane Lk Rd. 40 Acr. of remote hunting land w/road access & public land surrounding **\$34,500**

•XXX London Crossing & JC Campbell Rd. 242 Acres with a 20'x20' hunting shack, ATV trail access, public land surrounding, mix of high and low ground and a trout stream running through the property **\$205,700**

•61XX Little Marais Road Lot A, Lot B and Lot C, Silver Bay, MN. Three 10 acre lots with views of Lake Superior near Little Marais. Lot A is reduced to \$69,900, Lot B reduced to \$59,900 and Lot C reduced to \$69,900. MLS 6027797, 6027795 and 6027794

•XXX Hwy 61 & Onion River Rd. MLS6005052: 18 Acres commercial resort bldg site between Tofte & Lutsen on Onion River Rd. Great views of Lk Sup. High ground w/pwr at rd. Close to Sup. Hiking trl & rec. activities. **\$173,500**

•6826 Breezy Lane, Finland, MN MLS6017955: Wooded 115.94 acres w/frontage on the Baptism River, access from Breezy Lane & power available nearby. **\$165,000**

XX Reed Dr., SB, MLS6017982: 3.2 ac. bldg. site w/rd to property & cleared bldg site. Great location in the city w/views of Lk Superior, access to Rec. Trails close by. **\$57,900**

•5-Newly Developed Building Sites MLS24229: Marks Dr. Larger than typical lots w/curb, city water & sewer, back to woods. **\$45,000 to \$60,000** plus special assessment which has decreased.

•XXX Hwy 1 Finland: Large piece of property w/a network of Roads in place, trout streams, Lake frontage, big mature Norway Pine trees. Close to ATV & Snowmobile trails. An Investor or hunting party's chance to own 846 acres. **\$889,000**

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