

Charitable Giving Opportunities 2017



Toys For Tots

Growing Stage, The Children's Theatre of NJ—Event for Toys for Tots

The Growing Stage will present selections from their current holiday production and Culinary delights will be donated by The Black Forest Inn of Stanhope. Admission is FREE to those who bring an unwrapped toy with a value of at least \$10.

Name of Charity or Program: Toys for Tots

Event Date: Wednesday, December 7th at 7PM

Contact: For more info, please call (973) 347-4946 or e-mail: boxoffice@growingstage.com.

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AAA Club Alliance

Items needed: Toys (unwrapped) or financial donations

Drop Off Location: AAA Club Alliance, 42 Hampton House Rd., Rt. 206, Newton, NJ 07860 (toys or financial donation).

Contact Person and Phone Number: 973-362-2023

Deadline: December 15 at 4:30 PM.

Other Toys for Tots Drop Off Locations:

- Advanced Auto Parts (Franklin), Route 23 and Mabie Street, Franklin, NJ.
- Sussex Bank (Montague Branch), 266 Clove Rd, Montague Township, NJ.

Advanced Auto Parts (Franklin)- Collecting Food for Harvest House

Items needed : Canned or dry food item (donate and you'll receive \$5 off your next purchase of \$25.00)

Drop Off Location: Advanced Auto Parts (Franklin), Route 23 and Mabie Street, Franklin, NJ.

Birth Haven, Inc.

Items needed: Baby Monitors, Bouncer Seats, Boppys, Car Seats/Stroller combos (new only, per NJ law regulations), Breast Pumps, Gift Cards (Walmart, Babies-R-Us, Shop-Rite, Marshall's, etc.), Sanitary Napkins, Twin size bed comforters, Twin size sheets, Twin size mattress covers, Pajamas and Robes (all sizes), ladies slippers (all sizes), toiletries (body wash, body lotion, soap, shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream), bath towels, laundry baskets, pillows.

Drop Off Location: Donations may be delivered or mailed to: 4 Academy Street, Newton, NJ

Contact number: 973.579.7979



Centenary University - Veteran's Donations Drive

Items needed: Seeking new men's/women's wall calendars. Seeking men's/women's slipper socks (all sizes), new crossword/word search/Sudoku books, boxed K-Cup coffee pods, and 2018 wall calendars. The Centenary University Office of Veteran Services and the Student Veteran's Organization (SVO) will be accepting donations to be delivered to the VA-Lyons Hospital in NJ.

Contact: Margie Pavlichko, pavlichkom@centenaryuniversity.edu for more information.



Centenary University - Midnight Run Collection

Items needed: Gently used clothing (especially women's pants any size), new socks and underwear, any travel sized toiletry items such as deodorant, toothpaste, tooth brushes, shampoo, body wash, razors, and shaving cream, blankets and coat. For over a decade Centenary Students have maintained an active program where once every month approximately 15 students sacrifice a Friday night to hand out clean clothing, freshly made food, and travel-sized toiletries to those in need.

Drop Off Location: Student Life Suite in the Seay Building. Collections for Midnight Run are welcome for the Season of Giving and beyond.

Contact: Joey Cooper, cooperj03@centenaryuniversity.edu for more information

Centenary University - KDE Blanket & Coat Drive

Items needed: Blankets and coats for donation to the Salvation Army in Hackettstown.

Contact: Rebecca Clinebell at clinebellr@centenaryuniversity.edu for more information and drop off locations

Centenary University - OEN Sorority Food Drive

Items needed: Nonperishable food items to be donated to the Chester Food Pantry.

Contact: Christina Dietrich at dietrichc@centenaryuniversity.edu for more information

Centenary University - Softball Equipment Drive

Items needed: The softball team will be collecting equipment and gloves to bring with them on their trip to Costa Rica to introduce Softball to underprivileged youth.

Contact: Kimberly Broking at brokingk@centenaryuniversity.edu for more information

Centenary University - EOP Toy Drive

Items needed: unwrapped toys to support local Hackettstown and Mansfield families. Donation boxes can be found throughout campus in the Student Life Suite, Mailroom and Admissions Office in the Seay Building or outside of the Cafeteria.

Contact: Devon Vialva, vialvad@centenaryuniversity.edu for more information

Centenary Fund: Help us to Imagine the Future

Items needed: Your year-end gift to Centenary University will help to shape our future. As we celebrate our 150th anniversary, your financial support has never been more important. Unrestricted contributions to the Centenary Fund provide the most flexibility to respond to the University's greatest needs. Your philanthropic gifts allow Centenary to allocate resources strategically and take advantage of unexpected opportunities to fund new educational initiatives and strengthen existing programs. Please make your year-end gift visit alumni.centenaryuniversity.edu and click "Make a Gift" or by calling (908) 852-1400 x 2379.

Contact: Emily Russell, russelle01@centenaryuniversity.edu for more information

**Center for Prevention and Counseling - Gift of Recovery Holiday Event**

Items needed: Unwrapped toys (ages 3 – 10), gloves, slippers and socks for young adults and adults, gift cards (Visa, Gas, Restaurants, Dunkin Donuts, etc.)

Contact: Annmarie Shafer, 973-940-2966

Drop off location: 61 Spring Street, 3rd floor, Newton, NJ 07860

Center for Prevention and Counseling: Family Holiday Party with Santa

Items needed: Unwrapped toys (all ages) and gift cards suitable for teens (Game Stop, Visa) and for parents shopping for children (Visa, Gas, Walmart, etc)

Contact: Natalie Yanoff-Smith, 973-383-4787

Drop off location: 61 Spring Street, 3rd floor, Newton, NJ 07860

DASI: Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Intervention Services

Needed items: The DASI shelter is in need of new sweatshirts and sweatpants, socks, and underwear for women and children in all sizes. The DASI Food Pantry, open to DASI clients, is in need of holiday and every day food and cleaning supplies.

Contact person: Roxana Letchi, 973-579-2386, letchi@dasi.org

Drop off location: 105 Main Street in Newton, Monday – Friday 9am-5pm

Always welcome: Financial donations can be made at www.dasi.org or mailed to DASI, PO Box 805, Newton, NJ 07860

Earth Angels and Project Self-Sufficiency for Sussex County's elderly population

Needed items: Gift Cards from Walmart, ShopRite, Weis, Hayek's Market, Stop N Shop, Harmon's, and the Liberty Towers and Homestead Hair Salons are particularly appreciated (suggested value: \$20.00). Household and other items including bath, hand and kitchen towels, flashlights, batteries, magnifying glasses, jar openers, nightlights, foaming hand soap, small bottles of dish detergent, postage stamps, reachers, draft dodgers, crossword puzzles, word searches, first aid items, tissues.

Drop off locations:

- Project Self-Sufficiency - 127 Mill Street, Newton, NJ 07860
- Law Office of Elenora Benz - 122 Main Street, Suite 102, Newton, NJ 07860
- Knoll Heights - 39 Trapass Drive, Sparta, NJ 07871

Monetary Donations can be mailed to or dropped off at Project Self-Sufficiency: 127 Mill Street, Newton, NJ 07860. Please make checks payable to Project Self-Sufficiency and write "Earth Angels" on the memo line. Donations can also be made online at <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/earthangelsdonation>.

Deadline: December 4, 2017

Contact: Project Self-Sufficiency, (973) 940-3500

Family Promise of Sussex County

Needed items : Adult and Children's hats, coats, gloves and scarves, Gas gift cards, Christmas gifts: toys, gift cards, Holiday food items.

Financial donations can be made directly to the agency, make checks payable to: Family Promise of Sussex County at 19 Church Street, Newton, NJ.

Drop off location: 19 Church Street in Newton or you can call Christine and arrange for a pickup of donations.



First Hope Bank is collecting for the following:

Gift of Warmth with the United Way: This is when we will be collecting new or gently used coats, gloves and scarves.

Project Self Sufficiency Season of Hope Toy Drive: Collecting unwrapped toys/gifts for children

Donations for all events can be made at any of our 6 branch locations: Sparta, Andover, Hope, Blirstown, Great Meadows, Hackettstown

NAMI Sussex (affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness)

Items Needed: NEW clothing, which will be delivered to patients at Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital new women's or men's underwear or pajamas, any size, NO DRAW STRINGS (unwrapped); new jeans, male or female, waist size 40 and up (unwrapped). Waist draw strings can be cut or removed. Also needed are boxed Christmas or Season's Greetings cards for the patients to send to their relatives and friends. (Stamps are supplied by the hospital.)

Drop off location: Donations can be delivered to the home of Jeri Doherty, 32 Maple Tree Lane, Sparta, NJ 07871 (973-214-0632). Items can be placed in the black bin, which will be either inside the open garage or just outside the garage door when closed. Please do not deliver before 7AM or after 9PM.

Deadline: Sunday, December 10 (items are being brought to Greystone on December 11).

Hilltop Country Day School

Description of items needed: Winter coats (drive ends December 8) and Toys (ends December 15)

Contact Person and Phone Number: Kevin Folan (973) 729-5485

Lakeland Bank for United Way's Food Drive and Gift of Warmth Programs

Contact Person and Phone Number : Veronica Trezza 973-697-2000 x397

Brief description of items needed: Food Drive - non-perishable food items, baby formula and diapers. Coat Drive – new coats for all ages

Where to bring/send items: All Lakeland locations (including the corporate office and training center in Oak Ridge) are collecting items. *Lakeland Bank locations are not collecting monetary donations. Please contact a United Way office directly to make a monetary donation.*

Lakeland Bank Toy Drive to benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Passaic and Paterson.

Donations can be dropped off at:

- 250 Oak Ridge Road, Oak Ridge NJ
- 5716 Berkshire Valley Rd, Oak Ridge NJ

Newton Medical Center Foundation

Brief description of items needed: The Newton Medical Center Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Newton Medical Center. Supporting the Foundation assists Newton Medical Center in providing the highest quality of care to our community, close to home. Your gift has a significant impact by providing funds for key programs and services that you and or your loved ones may benefit from one day. *You can also designate your gift to any area of the hospital including: emergency services; Center for Breast Health and the Charles L. Tice Heart Center.*

Contact Person and Phone Number: Megan Sandow, 973-579-8309

Where to send financial donations: Newton Medical Center Foundation, 175 High Street, Newton, NJ 07860.

NORWESCAP Diaper Bank

Brief description of items needed: Infant and adult diapers, wipes

Drop off location: 186 Halsey Road, Suite 1, Newton, NJ (financial donations also accepted).

Contact Person and Phone Number : Sharon Giacchino – 973.383.3461



Pass It Along - Note in a Coat

Brief description of items needed: New and gently used coats for a countywide collection that brings warmth to our neighbors in need. Children's coats are especially needed. After each coat is collected, a note of warm greetings will be placed in the pocket.

Drop off locations: Pass It Along offices, Thorlabs, Hampton Municipal Building, Shear Expressions – Newton, Newton Theater, Mohawk Avenue School, Green Township School, Lenape Valley Regional High School, Reverend Brown Elementary School, Wallkill Valley Regional High School, High Point Regional and Sparta High Schools.

Contact: Pass It Along office at 973-726-9777 or visit passitalong.org/note-in-a-coat.

Donation Deadline: December 15, 2017



Samaritan Inn

Brief description of items needed: Christmas toys for children in the shelter (we have children in the shelter ages from Newborn up to 17 years old. Anything that would help these kids to have a great Christmas is greatly appreciated).

Contact Person and Phone Number: Dara Marsh- 973-940-8872

Drop off location: 901 Swartswood Road Newton, NJ 07860

Skylands Stadium

The Walk-thru LightFest. a new part of the Christmas Light Show at Skylands Stadium, will be collecting donations for the American Heart Association at the entrance of the Walk-thru.

Sojihuggles Childrens Foundation

Brief description of items needed: Financial Donations

Mail Donations to: Sojihuggles Childrens Foundation, 4 Hidden Valley Road, Newton, NJ 07860.

To make a secure credit card donation online at www.sojihuggles.org.

Contact Person: T Love, 973-383-8022

8% of Sussex County children, over 11,000, live in poverty. Monetary donations are needed to provide the under-privileged in Sussex County with food for proper growth/good health and appropriate clothing to ensure warmth during these cold winter months. 100% of all donations directly support children in need.

Laddey, Clark & Ryan Food Drive (to benefit Sparta Ecumenical Church Food Pantry)

Brief Description of Items Needed: Low-sugar cereals, peanut butter, cans or plastic containers of 100% juice, canned vegetables (marked lite or low-sodium, bags of pinto or black beans, rice, canned tuna fish, low-sodium soups and bags of whole wheat pasta, powdered milk fortified with vitamin D.

Contact: Gabriella Costantini gconstantini@lclaw.com; 973-729-1880

Drop off locations:

- Stop & Shop in Sparta at 5 Town Center Dr. on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Laddey, Clark & Ryan offices at 60 Blue Heron Rd, Sparta NJ until November 30, 2017.

Highlands State Bank, Sparta Office (31 Sparta Ave, Sparta NJ) will be a drop off location for both Connect for Community toy drive and the Sparta Ecumenical Food Pantry.

Brief Description of Items Needed for Connect for Community: Toys including arts and crafts, board games, electronic games and gift cards for children from toddlers through young teens (13)

Deadline: Through December 1st.

Contact: Suzanne Stigers (862) 266-5956, suzannes@connectforcommunity.org. Those interested can drop off all donations to Highlands State Bank, and we will get them to Connect for Community.



Brief Description of Items Needed for Sparta Ecumenical Food Pantry (food drive): All food items from fresh produce, meats, canned, jarred and frozen foods.

Drop Off Location: Highlands State Bank, Sparta Office (31 Sparta Ave, Sparta NJ)

Deadline: December 22.

Brief Description of Items Needed for Sparta Ecumenical Food Pantry (coat drive): Gently used coats, hats, gloves and scarves

Deadline: This collection will start now and end on March 30, 2018.

Contact: Valerie Macchio, 201-306-6148, valerie@cornerstonemkt.com.

Sussex Bank locations and Tri-State Insurance will be collecting for various local organizations:

- Franklin and Sparta branches – Father John's Animal House
- Vernon branch – Local Vernon Churches
- Montague branch – Toys for Tots
- Augusta branch – Sandyston Township Food Drive
- Wantage branch – Harvest House

Sussex Bank locations and Tri-State Insurance will be collecting for various local organizations (continued):

- Andover branch - Project Self Sufficiency
- Newton branch – Birth Haven
- Tri-State Insurance (Route 206, Augusta, NJ)– Goryeb Children’s Hospital



The Sussex County YMCA for the Sussex County Salvation Army Giving Tree

Brief description of items needed: The tags on the tree located at the Sussex County YMCA indicate items for Sussex County families in need. Items vary depending on the family’s needs. For example, a pair of winter boots, a special toy for a child, a winter coat, etc. Also accepted are food gift cards and financial donations.

Contact Person and Phone Number: Samantha Walter (973) 209-9622

Drop off location: The Sussex County YMCA, 15 Wits End Dr., Hamburg, NJ 07419

TransOptions, Inc.

Name of Charity or Program: “Fund a Kit, Fund a Kid.” TransOptions is currently collecting donations to help support our growing STEM education program, Junior Solar Sprints (JSS), coming up in May 2018.

Contact Person and Phone Number: Jackeline Leon, Community Outreach Coordinator at TransOptions.

Phone: 973.267.7600

Brief description of items needed: Donations of any amount. \$11 covers the cost of one JSS kit although donors are welcome to give as much as they would like. The JSS program is a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) competition that engages students to design, build and race solar-powered model cars. For JSS participants, materials (including solar panels), instruction and professional development workshops are provided free of charge. The program has been growing to reach hundreds of students throughout northern NJ, including Sussex County, and we could use your help!

Where to bring/send items or where to send financial donation: Donating is easy and secure! Just visit <http://www.transoptions.org/donate>.

Deadline: TransOptions is collecting donations now through early December



Weichert Realtors (25 Route 23 North, Hamburg, N.J.) Toy Drive

Weichert Realtors annually hosts a toy drive with all toys staying in Sussex County.

Name of Charity or Program: Sussex Help Center Food Pantry

Brief description of items needed: non-perishable food, baby items and pet food. *If you cannot drop them off - we will pick them up. Just call us!*

Contact: Susan Torrance (Cell -201-317-1250)

Weichert Realtors (25 Route 23 North, Hamburg, N.J.) Coat Drive

Name of Charity or Program: Vernon PAL

Brief description of items needed: jackets, mittens, scarfs, sleds, etc. *If you cannot drop them off - we will pick them up. Just call us!*

Contact: Susan Torrance (Cell -201-317-1250)

