

# Give to those in need this Christmas.

## Here's how you can help.

People need your help. They need the basics: food, clothing, and household items. Without your help, many children will go without Christmas gifts this year. Can you make room in your life for our neighbors in need? If you can help, support our diocesan sponsored organizations or your parish and community ministries. If you need help, please give them a call.



***“She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.” Luke 2:7***



### Catholic Social Services

Main Office  
197 E. Gay Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215  
(614) 221-5891 | [www.colscss.org](http://www.colscss.org)

Catholic Social Services serves the poor and vulnerable through strengthening families, guides individuals toward economic stability, provides food and emergency assistance, counseling, case management, affordable housing solutions, support to domestic violence survivors, and serves as the extended family for seniors.

#### **Needed Items:**

##### Columbus offices:

**Supportive Services:** serves seniors age 60+ in their homes  
Gift cards allow an individual to select an item they most need.

Preferred: \$25 gift certificates to either Kroger or Walmart

**HOME Choice-** clients of all ages who have transitioned out of a nursing home into the community.

Preferred: \$25 gift certificates to either Kroger or Walmart

Contact: Attn: Debbie Hilliard, 614-857-1230

**Counseling Services & Pathways to Hope** (2 years of compassionate and individualized counseling for domestic violence survivors and their children transiting out of shelter and into safe affordable housing and help with finding job security). The programs serve individuals and families.

Preferred: Gift cards to any grocery store, Walmart or Target

Contact: Jennifer Fears-Volley, 614-857-1210

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Center**—food pantry that serves mostly Hispanic families.

Needed: Toiletry items, Diapers (all sizes), laundry soap

Call 614-340-7061

#### **St. Francis Catholic Outreach Center, Portsmouth: 2311**

**Stockham Ln, Portsmouth, OH 45662** Attn: Donna Montavon

- New and packaged Children's underwear: all sizes
- Gently used Winter Coats: sizes 4T-XL, male and female
- NEW Gloves and Hats: both children and adult sizes
- Walmart gift cards

**Baskets of Love for Seniors:** (provided to homebound CSS Senior clients in Zanesville and Newark offices)

Often times, this is the only gift the senior receives. Please place selected items in a small clothesbasket or reusable canvas shopping bag. Items will be delivered to seniors by December 20<sup>th</sup>.

Example of donation items:

Paper towels, tissues, toilet paper, toothbrush and toothpaste, shampoo, toiletries, sponges, laundry soap, all-purpose cleaner,

dusting cloths (Swiffer), dishwashing liquid, kitchen trash bags (13 gal size), postage stamps, towels, & large print word find books.  
Zanesville office: contact Dave Desender, 740-452-5057  
Licking County Office: contact Tania Gresham 740-345-2565, ext. 4  
For Licking County, drop off donations at CSS office (1031 Brice St. Newark) between 11 and 2:00 p.m. or call to make an appt.  
Donations to be delivered to the office by December 9th.



### J.O.I.N. Joint Organization for Inner City Needs

578 E. Main Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215  
(614) 241-2530 [www.columbuscatholic.org/join](http://www.columbuscatholic.org/join)

J.O.I.N. responds to people in need with emergency material assistance. J.O.I.N. serves over 100 families each day with almost every problem imaginable, from birth to death.

**Needed Items:** Gas gift cards, food gift cards, gift cards for teenagers (department stores like Target, Meijer, etc., bookstores, music, games, and movies), basic hygiene items, cleaning supplies, and monetary donations.



### St. Francis Center

108 West Mill Street, McArthur, Ohio 45651  
(740) 596-5820

<https://www.facebook.com/StFrancisOutreachCenter>

St. Francis Center serves as a Catholic presence in the southeastern part of the diocese. The center assists impoverished families in meeting their most basic needs of food and clothing.

**Needed Items:** Food pantry items, new toys, clothing and monetary donations.

**Volunteers Needed:** December 12-13. For details email [ariegel@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:ariegel@columbuscatholic.org) or call 740-596-5820.

**See next page for more ways to help.**



## St. Stephen's Community House

1500 E. 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43219  
(614) 294-6347 | [www.saintstephensch.org](http://www.saintstephensch.org)

St. Stephen's Community House is committed to brightening lives in the Linden neighborhood of Columbus by building community and individual well-being. St. Stephen's works to advance self-sufficiency and assist residents in maximizing their potential through programs and services such as employment, social development, community organization, education, child care, and Project AquaStar.

St. Stephen's Community House & the Central Ohio Labor Council, AFL-CIO are collaborating to brighten the holiday season for those individuals and families who find themselves in a critical position due to situations such as stretched incomes, job lay-offs, foreclosures and family illness. We are all familiar with families in financial turmoil that cannot afford to purchase the traditional food items. In an effort to minimize some of the hardship felt by families, we request support from area schools, churches and businesses. You, your business or organization can become a partner in this effort by collecting **non-perishable food items** (canned, boxed, bottled or dried goods), or provide **financial support** to purchase perishable items such as turkeys, bread, milk, fresh fruit, and vegetables.

**Needed Items:** Christmas Cares/Union Share Program. Non-perishable food pantry items like boxed hot or cold cereal, canned beans, tuna, canned meats, dry milk, vegetable oil, rice, pasta, etc. For a complete listing of needed food items, visit St. Stephen's website at [www.saintstephensch.org](http://www.saintstephensch.org). Gift cards from Kroger, Meijer, Giant Eagle and monetary donations are always welcome. Please deliver donations by December 14. For details, contact Londale Rowell at (614) 294-6347 ext. 113.



## St. Vincent Family Center

1490 E. Main Street, Columbus, Ohio 43205 (614) 252-0731 | [www.svfc.org](http://www.svfc.org)

St. Vincent Family Center serves thousands of children and families each year living in the most impoverished neighborhoods in central Ohio. Each Christmas season, many of these families are unable to provide their little ones with gifts and memories that make this time of year so special.

**Adopt A Family:** Provide holiday gifts to families served by St. Vincent's. Your presents may be the only gifts they receive. Specify your preference of family size, and you'll be appropriately matched with a family in need. Each family will provide a Wish List of items that their child(ren) may need or want, and then you get to shop for their gifts.

Gifts will be collected at St. Vincent Family Center, 1490 E. Main Street, Columbus, Ohio 43205 on December 7, 8, 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers over 18 years of age are greatly appreciated, contact Debra Huff at (614) 252-0731 x 1132, [dhuff@svfc.org](mailto:dhuff@svfc.org).



## Catholic Charities & Social Concerns

Catholic Diocese of Columbus, 197 E. Gay Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215  
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[www.columbuscatholic.org](http://www.columbuscatholic.org)



## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Main Office, 197 E. Gay Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215  
(614) 221-3554 | [www.vincentianvoice.org](http://www.vincentianvoice.org)

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Provides food, clothing, housing and spiritual support to people in need. SVDP operates in parishes many with food pantries across the diocese, a daily lunch line at St. Lawrence Haven in Columbus, a clothing center in Columbus, a shelter and transitional housing in Newark, thrift stores in Lancaster, Newark, and Marion, and many other ministries.

**Needed Items:** Food, clothing (especially men's hats, gloves, socks, underwear, coats and children's coats), and new, unwrapped gifts, wrapping paper, bows, and volunteers for the SVDP Clothing Center's Christmas Store, 578 E. Main St., Columbus. Volunteers are needed at St. Lawrence Haven during preparations times (10-12). Monetary donations for your parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference.



## Catholic Charities Christmas Collection

This annual collection allows the diocese to meet a variety of basic needs directly and through diocesan agencies and organizations including J.O.I.N. (Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs), St. Stephen's Community House, Catholic Social Services, St. Francis Center, St. Lawrence Haven, St. Vincent Family Center, and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. You can help share in this important work by generously supporting the Catholic Charities collection this year. Look for the envelope in your parish giving envelope packet.



## Office for Social Concerns

197 E. Gay Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215  
(614) 241-2540 [socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org)  
[www.columbuscatholic.org/social-concerns-office](http://www.columbuscatholic.org/social-concerns-office)

The Office for Social Concerns serves as the central diocesan resource for Catholic Social Teaching, reaching out through prayer, education, service, and advocacy. Learn more about Church teachings on important social issues and act on your faith to make a difference in your community and around the world.



## Catholic Relief Services

### CRS Ethical Trade (Crafts, Coffee, and Chocolate)

Catholic Relief Services is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. Through CRS Ethical Trade, you are supporting struggling artisans and farmers around the world earn fair wages. The program offers great gift ideas, <http://ethicaltrade.crs.org>.

### CRS Gift Catalog

CRS offers a gift catalog includes nearly 1,500 CRS projects that transform people and communities overseas for the long term. Your gift saves lives, <https://gifts.crs.org>.