



HOLIDAY AND WINTER COMMUNITY RESOURCES

The holiday season and colder temperatures are right around the corner! Easterseals MORC is proud to share resources and assistance that is being provided by some of our amazing community partners. While this is not a comprehensive list of organizations providing help during this time of year, we wanted to provide a ray of hope for individuals who may be struggling during the coming months.

UNITED WAY OF SE MICHIGAN

Call 211 to reach the United Way of SE Michigan. Upon calling you will be connected to many community agencies that are closest to you that may be able to help over the holiday season. Learn more about United Way of SE Michigan and how you can receive assistance at: <https://unitedwaysem.org/>.

SALVATION ARMY

With multiple locations throughout the state, the Salvation Army can assist with hunger relief, clothing, utility assistance, and holiday season related assistance. Visit www.salvationarmyusa.org to learn more.

KENT COUNTY SALVATION ARMY FOOD PANTRY AND HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Free Christmas meals, toys and food is part of their holiday assistance program. The Grand Rapids Salvation Army and the United Way provide this resource to very low-income families as well as the elderly. Applicants can be given free toys or food boxes, meals, and much more. Some applicants are given vouchers to shop at a local store for their holiday gifts. The Essential Needs Task Force of Kent County also encourages the use of vouchers for critical household supplies. To learn more, call **616-459-9468**.

KIDS' FOOD BASKET

Kids' Food Basket in Grand Rapids aims to increase access to healthy food for children and families. Collectively, they are working toward hunger-free West Michigan for all. To learn more about available assistance, visit: <https://kidsfoodbasket.org/>.

FAMILY PROMISE OF GRAND RAPIDS

Helping homeless families and those in crisis with shelter and holiday programs, Family Promise of Grand Rapids has assisted nearly 4,000 families to build stronger futures. They specialize in prevention services, emergency shelter services, housing services, and family support services. To learn more, visit familypromisegr.org.





CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEST MICHIGAN

Offering more than 30 various assistance programs to individuals and families in West Michigan, including food pantries and Christmas support. To learn more about resources they offer, visit: <https://ccwestmi.org/>.

THE GREEN APPLE PANTRY

Since 1985, The Green Apple (formerly known as John Knox Community Pantry) has provided residents of southeastern Kent County with a full menu of services. They are proud to offer food assistance, case management and referrals, and classes and education. To learn more, visit: <https://thegreenapplepantry.org/>.

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Flat River Outreach Ministries hosts a distribution program that passes out a free Christmas dinner food basket in the Greater Lowell area. It also tries to give gifts to those under 3 years of age. What may be offered includes toys or clothes such as gift cards for teens, books, family games, socks, stuffed animals, pajamas, hats, gloves/mittens, scarves, bows, personal care products, stocking stuffers, and also free wrapping paper for the parents for more gifts. To learn more, visit: <https://www.fromlowell.org/>

BALDWIN CENTER

Baldwin Center located at 212 Baldwin Avenue in Pontiac provides food, clothing, and resources for underserved individuals in the community. Additionally, they offer holiday food baskets, baby formula and layettes, fresh food items, winter hats and gloves, laundry facilities, and showers and hygiene products. Baldwin Center also hosts a K-8 after school program, summer day camps, GED classes, and AA meetings. To learn more about assistance offered, visit www.baldwincenter.org or call **248-332-6101**.

HOSPITALITY HOUSE FOOD PANTRY

Hospitality House has been serving area communities for over 20 years and is located at 2075 E. West Maple Rd. Suite B204, in Commerce Township. Hospitality House feeds over 850 households and distributes over 51,000 pounds of food monthly. Visit www.hhfp.org to learn more about assistance available.

GLEANERS COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

Gleaners proudly serves their partners and those in need. They have expanded their food distribution efforts to include additional drive-up mobile sites across Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston, and Monroe counties. For more information, and specialty holiday assistance, visit: www.gcfb.org.





THE NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN - 735 E. STEWART AVE FLINT, MI 48505

On Christmas day, The North End Soup Kitchen will be open, so no one has to go without a Christmas feast. All children will receive a new toy and warm clothes where adults will receive new towels, socks, scarves, hats, and personal hygiene kits. To learn more, visit: <https://catholiccharitiesflint.org/> or call **810-232-9950**.

TOYS FOR TOTS

The Toys for Tots has been collecting new toys to help bring the joy of Christmas to children and families in need since 1991. To learn more about Toys for Tots in your area, visit: <https://www.toysfortots.org/>.

CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM FISH

Sponsors of this program will provide gifts for children, birth to grade 12 (a cap of \$85 per child), hygiene products, toilet paper, and laundry/cleaning items for individuals requesting assistance. FISH will provide a holiday meal and food items to carry families through the Christmas break. The program is available to qualifying families through community sponsorships on a first come, first serve basis. To learn more about this program, or to learn qualifications for this program, please email GBChristmasbaskets@gmail.com or call **810-695-1880**.

DETROIT GOODFELLOWS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 2023

Please be assured that your information will be held in strict confidence and will not be shared with any other organization or agency. We will only process applications for families in the following cities - Detroit, Highland Park, Hamtramck, River Rouge, Harper Woods, Ecorse & Redford. At the time of package pickup in December you will be asked to provide parent/guardian ID and ID for kids (MI Health Card OR birth certificate OR report card/communication from child's school). You can provide all ID by showing images in your phone. All eligible families will receive communication from the Detroit Goodfellows in August to confirm your information and again in early December via US mail and email to provide pickup information. Pickup reminders will also be sent via email and text. Application Form is here: <https://form.jotform.com/Goodfellows/DetroitGoodfellows?fbclid=IwAR3LKntWPyl5XuQ9NXm3078FH21v95hJg2IBNC80qcCVPn6MSvexE8gnMFY>





WINTER WARMING CENTERS

Three overnight warming centers are open now through March 31, 2024. These centers provide two meals, showers, sleeping accommodations, and housing assistance for residents experiencing homelessness.

- **Cass Community Social Services** - Serves families and single women
- **Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries** - Serves families and single women
- **Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries** - Serves single males

To access these warming centers, residents should call 866-313-2520 from 8am – 6pm Monday – Friday. Veterans seeking shelter should call from 8am – 4:30pm.

To learn more about other area warming shelters or emergency shelter housing, visit: <https://julieslist.homestead.com/WinterWarmingCenters.html>

MACOMB COUNTY FOOD PANTRIES

- In Armada, Saint Mary Mystical Rose Church houses and coordinates one of Macomb County's food distribution programs. For more information, visit <https://stmarymysticalrose.org/food-pantry>.
- In Center Line, Southeastern Michigan Indians hosts a food pantry that serves American Indians and others eligible for services to individuals living south of Reuther Expressway/I-696. For more information, call **586-756-1350**.
- In Clinton Township, St. Louis Catholic Church has its own St. Vincent de Paul Society that assists individuals experiencing food insecurity. To learn more, call **586-468-8734**.
- Additionally in Clinton Township, Saint Paul of Tarsus Food Pantry serves residents of Macomb County three days a week. They are also proud to offer other Macomb County resources at <https://spotcatholic.org/food-pantry>.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Julie's List helps the six counties in Southeast Michigan to find the resources they need in the privacy of their own home, office, or even on your phone.

To browse the multiple lists of resources available, visit:

<https://julieslist.homestead.com/Index.html>

Resource Guide - Oakland County Adults: click [HERE](#) to browse available resources.

AuntBertha.com is also a great resource utilizing your zip code to find free or reduced-cost resources like food, housing, financial assistance, healthcare, and more.