

Information for Holiday Programs at CRS

Santa's Workshop

If you are interested in contributing to Santa's Workshop please call Melissa at the CRS office. The suggested items we would like to have for each child would be one coat, one age appropriate "wish" item (i.e. infant toy, board game, Barbie doll, Legos, video game, MP3 Player, etc.) and one clothing item or pajamas. No wrapping necessary! We will have a wrapping station available at Santa's Workshop for Mom and Dad to wrap the gifts they choose.

Family Basket

Family Baskets are a great way to help in a practical way. You can use your imagination and a reusable laundry basket to create any of the following:

- "Cleaning Basket" filled with household products;
- "Family Game Night Basket" filled with a board game, snacks, a DVD, etc.;
- "Personal Hygiene Basket" filled with shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, etc.;
- "Christmas Basket" filled with small decorations, stocking stuffers, wrapping paper, etc.;
- "Kitchen Basket" filled with kitchen towels, zip lock bags, foil, paper plates, etc.;
- "Towel Basket" filled with a new set of towels for a family of 4;
- "Baking Basket" filled with baking mixes, frosting, measuring cup/spoons, etc.;
- "Girl Basket" filled with shower gel, pony tail holders, lip gloss, nail polish, etc.;
- "Boy Basket" filled with sport socks, water bottle, flashlight, etc.;
- "Italian Night" filled with non-perishable groceries for spaghetti dinner.

These are only suggestions and while many of these items may not seem like something you would give for Christmas, they are very much appreciated and valuable to our CRS clients. **Please call Melissa and let her know what type of basket you would like to fill!**

Fill the Gaps

If you would like to contribute in a small but meaningful way, consider dropping off any item that we could use in Santa's Workshop for any one of the families we serve. Some ideas that we can always use would be socks and underwear (any size), a family movie, board game, perfume, hot wheels, a small doll, slippers, comb/brush, robe/slippers, kids pajamas, a book, etc. Please don't forget about the teenagers we help for Christmas!

Be Santa for a Senior and Elves for Teens

If you are interested in helping with seniors or teens in our community, we could really use you! We have a list on our website (www.aalcrs.org) with some ideas or call Melissa at the CRS office.

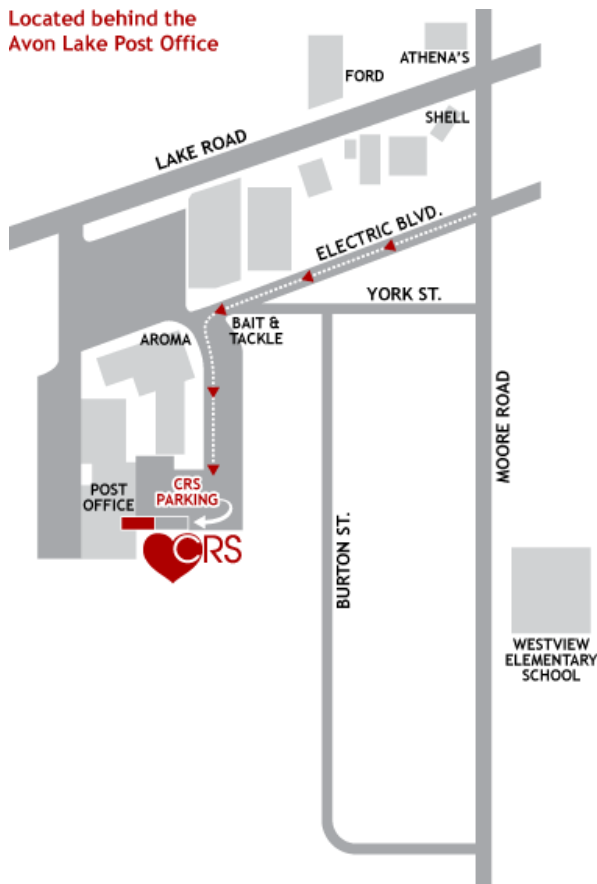
General Information

- Holiday donations will be accepted from Thursday, December 1st through Monday, December 12th from 10 AM to 2 PM. We will also be available on Saturday, December 10th from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Please let us know when you plan to deliver your donations.

- All holiday donations should be dropped off at our temporary Christmas location. Please see the map below.
- If you need to make special arrangements to drop off your donation, please call Melissa at 933-5639.
- If your group or organization is interested in hosting a drive or collection of items, please call Melissa.
- Gently used items that you would like to donate will not be given as a Christmas gift.
- All of our programs respect the confidentiality of our clients and donors.
- Thank you for your support of CRS and the families we serve.

Located behind the
Avon Lake Post Office



Holiday Food Basket

All of our CRS families are given a Holiday Food Basket. If you would like, you can provide holiday non-perishable food and a Giant Eagle gift card (suggested amount \$25.00) for perishable groceries and a ham or turkey. It is helpful if these groceries are packed in a reusable laundry basket. Remember, we cannot store non-perishable groceries. Baskets should be packed for a family of 4 to 6 people. Some suggested items for your basket are as follows:

Instant Mashed Potatoes	Boxed Corn Bread
Canned Cranberries	Pie Filling, Pie Crust
Canned Vegetables	Canned Sweet Potatoes
Canned Sweet Potatoes	Boxed Stuffing
Cream Soups	Jar Gravy
Canned Fruit	Mac and Cheese
Jell-O/Pudding	Rice or other Side Dish

Please add the ingredients for anything you like to prepare with your holiday meal and the recipe if you would like.

Holiday Food Baskets will be distributed directly from the CRS office.

All baskets need to be delivered to the CRS office by Monday, December 12, 2016 between 10 AM and 2 PM. If you need a different date or time, please call Melissa and we will make arrangements at your convenience.