



Sandusky County Community Christmas

c/o United Way First Call for Help
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What is Community Christmas?

Community Christmas, organized by several volunteer individuals and organizations, helps to connect businesses, organizations and individuals who wish to help others in need during the holiday season with families struggling to put food on their tables and provide gifts for their children. By acting collaboratively, we are able to avoid duplication of giving and, therefore, reach a greater number of families. Last year, with the help of over 133 businesses, organizations, churches, and individuals, we were able to assist 3,162 Sandusky County residents!

Who is eligible to apply?

Sandusky County families with children ages 12 and under are able to request clothing and toys for their children. Seniors, aged 65 or older, may also apply for gifts – this generally includes clothing, personal care items, and household goods. These eligible families and seniors may also request a holiday meal.

What information is needed on the application?

It is important to fill out the application completely. We are not able to assist those who do not provide social security numbers, valid addresses and phone numbers, or have not signed the release. Should an address or phone number change after turning in an application, contact the First Call for Help office immediately. Also, all persons requesting assistance living at the same address must be listed on the same application even if it includes multiple families. Only one application per address will be processed.

When is the deadline to apply?

The deadline to turn in applications is November 23rd at 4:30 pm. They can be dropped off at the United Way First Call for Help (826 West State Street, Fremont) or the Sandusky County Department of Job and Family Services (2511 Countryside Drive, Fremont). Late applications will not be accepted.

How are applicants notified if they are matched with a donor?

Once an applicant is matched with an organization or individual wishing to “adopt” them, a copy of the family “wish list” is provided to the donors to assist them in purchasing gifts. Donors are also given a choice to either deliver the gifts personally or drop them off at a location where families can later pick them up. Applicants will be notified by phone or mail by December 15th as to whether they have been adopted or not and, if so, how the gifts and food will be dropped off or picked up. Not everyone will receive their notices at the same time – notification methods and times depend on who the donors are and if they arrange for delivery on their own. Please do not call to check on the status of an application prior to this date.

How can applicants send thank you notes to their donors?

Please remember that donors purchasing food and gifts for families are giving out of the goodness of their hearts. Sending a thank you note or card showing appreciation for their generosity is encouraged. If donors do not reveal their contact information to their applicants, notes can be sent to the First Call for Help office to be forwarded on to the donors.

2016 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS APPLICATION



GIFTS

*CHILDREN 12 and younger are eligible for clothing items and toys.
SENIOR CITIZENS 65 and older may also request clothing and household/personal care items.
Proof of age may be required.*

HOLIDAY MEAL

HOUSEHOLDS with CHILDREN (12 and younger) and/or SENIORS (65 and older) may request food for the holiday.

Community Christmas is organized by volunteers and helps those in Sandusky County struggling financially during the holiday by matching them with families and businesses in the community willing to donate food and gifts out of the goodness of their hearts. Although Community Christmas would like to grant all requests, the need is great and, therefore, we cannot guarantee every wish will be met. Families will be notified by December 15, either by mail or phone call, if they have been matched with a donor and where to pick up any food and/or gifts.

REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Must be a Sandusky County resident.
- 2) Must provide Social Security numbers. Household members listed without SS numbers will not receive food or gifts.
- 3) Must provide at least one working telephone number.
- 4) Applications must be signed by the household contact person.
- 5) All persons requesting assistance living at the same address must be listed on the same application even if it includes multiple families. Only one application per address will be processed.
- 6) Applications must be received by 4:30 pm on November 23rd at either the Sandusky County Department of Job and Family Services (2511 Countryside Drive, Fremont) or United Way First Call for Help (826 West State Street, Fremont). Late applications will not be accepted.

PLEASE PRINT

Household Contact Person: _____
First Middle Initial Last

Household Mailing Address: _____
Street City Zip

(If your mailing address is a PO Box, you must provide some other proof of address. Ex. Recent utility bill listing your name & address)

Phone Number _____
Main Phone Number Back-up Phone Number

Why do you need help this Christmas? _____

RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I authorize release of this information by the Community Christmas Project to the appropriate donors for the purpose of obtaining Christmas assistance. I understand that any false information and/or incomplete application will make my family ineligible.

Signature of Household Contact Person
OR

Date

Signature of Case Manager/Teacher completing Application

Contact Phone

GIFTS

LIST CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER AND SENIOR CITIZENS 65 AND OVER REQUESTING GIFTS

1. Name: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____ Social Security #: _____
Clothing Sizes: Child Adult Top: _____ Bottom: _____
Toy/Gift Ideas: _____
2. Name: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____ Social Security #: _____
Clothing Sizes: Child Adult Top: _____ Bottom: _____
Toy/Gift Ideas: _____
3. Name: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____ Social Security #: _____
Clothing Sizes: Child Adult Top: _____ Bottom: _____
Toy/Gift Ideas: _____
4. Name: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____ Social Security #: _____
Clothing Sizes: Child Adult Top: _____ Bottom: _____
Toy/Gift Ideas: _____
5. Name: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____ Social Security #: _____
Clothing Sizes: Child Adult Top: _____ Bottom: _____
Toy/Gift Ideas: _____
6. Name: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____ Social Security #: _____
Clothing Sizes: Child Adult Top: _____ Bottom: _____
Toy/Gift Ideas: _____
7. Name: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____ Social Security #: _____
Clothing Sizes: Child Adult Top: _____ Bottom: _____
Toy/Gift Ideas: _____
8. Name: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____ Social Security #: _____
Clothing Sizes: Child Adult Top: _____ Bottom: _____
Toy/Gift Ideas: _____

HOLIDAY MEAL

WOULD YOU LIKE TO REQUEST A HOLIDAY MEAL FOR THE MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD? Yes No
If yes, list any remaining members living in your household that have not already been listed above in the gifts section.

1. Name: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____ Social Security #: _____
2. Name: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____ Social Security #: _____
3. Name: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____ Social Security #: _____
4. Name: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____ Social Security #: _____
5. Name: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____ Social Security #: _____
6. Name: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____ Social Security #: _____
7. Name: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____ Social Security #: _____