

Christmas Donations

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1. The Elizabeth Fry Society - They we would appreciate receiving gifts for their women and girls who are working on re-integrating into society. They accommodate 10 youth females and 15 adult women in their residential programs for a total of 25. They would prefer gift cards and small hygiene items for them, as their program has high turnover, and it is easier for the women and girls to access outside stores once they leave their program. They look for Walmart, Shopper's Drug Mart and Dollar Store cards.

2. The Salvation Army - The Salvation Army has been an organization that our Sunday School has contributed to for many years. They would appreciate receiving gift certificates from Claire's, Shopper's Drug Mart and Dollar Stores. They would be happy to receive certificates for food stores. Once again they are accepting new toys and games as well. With each gift basket given out to their clients is included an age appropriate hat and mittens. These items whether store bought or hand knit would be much appreciated, especially for older youth.

3. The Open Door - For years, our congregation has been supporting The Open Door with gifts, clothing and meals for their clients. This year due to continued Covid, they are only looking for gift certificates and toiletry items. They always appreciate small gift bags with these items. They would appreciate cards for grocery stores and various coffee shops as well as Walmart. This would give the families an opportunity to have their Christmas meal in their own homes.

4. Pathway Housing - Toys for boys aged 7-9 years would be appreciated as wold gift cards to Tim Hortons and Starbucks.

5. Eden Food for Change - This is an opportunity to continue to donate non-perishable items. The box is located in the Narthex.

6. Cash - If you would prefer to donate cash, it would be appreciated.

How you can help!

a) If you have gift certificates or cash and are attending in-person services, you can place them in an envelope with the organization's name on the front and put in the collection box which is located as you enter the Sanctuary.

b) If you have food or games and toys, there will be baskets in the Narthex. Please label the organization for which they are intended.

c) Gift certificates or cash in an envelope may also be placed in one of the two secure mail boxes at the church. You may bring the food and toys or games to the church during the week when Kelly is in the office Tues – Fri 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Ring the bell outside the office door and she can take your donations.

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