2026 Holiday Guide

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You can make a Difference!

The **2026 Holiday Giving & Volunteering Guide** provides information on the needs of agencies serving Berks County. You can make a difference in the life of a child, family, older adult, organization or individual during the holiday season.This guide will provide details on donations, volunteer opportunities and "fulfilling wishes". Please be sure to mention you read about their needs in the United Way of Berks County Holiday Giving & Volunteering Guide.

Tips on Holiday Giving & Volunteering

- **You can donate as an individual OR as a group** - get your family, friends, coworkers, or faith group members involved!
- **Contact the agency before hosting a collection drive or volunteer project for them** – the agency's needs may have changed.
- **Be patient** - agencies are often overwhelmed during the Holiday season.
- **Volunteer opportunities are available all year long!** The best Holiday gift you can give our community is your commitment to service. Please visit **www.uwberks.org/volunteer** to find opportunities that match your interests and availability.

For more information, contact:

Madison Spence-Moore
Volunteer & ELU Program Manager
(610) 685-4574
madisons@uwberks.org

Volunteer your Time

⭐ **Berks Encore - Santa's Helper**

Berks Encore is looking for Santa's helpers to pack and deliver holiday gifts to our homebound Meals On Wheels seniors this holiday season. Whether you can lend a hand packing gifts or help deliver, your time and kindness make the holidays brighter.

WERNERSVILLE CENTER: Holiday gift packing - Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 10 AM
Seeking 4/5 volunteers
Holiday gift drivers- Dec. 9 - 23 Monday - Friday daytime delivery
Deliver gift bags to Meals On Wheels Recipients

GOVERNOR MIFFLIN CENTER: Gift packing- Thursday, Dec 10 at 12pm 5-6 volunteers
Holiday Gift drivers; Dec. 11 - Dec. 23 Monday - Friday daytime delivery of gifts to Meals On Wheels recipients

READING/MUHLENBERG: Holiday Gift Drivers- Dec. 9 - Dec. 23 Monday- Friday daytime delivery to Meals On Wheels Recipients

Contact Michelle Goodhart at mgoodhart@berksencore.org or 610-374-3195

⭐ **Children's Home of Reading (CHOR) – Holiday Helpers Needed: Join our Elf Team!**

Join CHOR Youth & Family Services' elf team and help make holiday wishes come true! Volunteers will sort and organize donated gifts and prepare them for distribution to youth in our programs. Volunteer opportunities are available November 30-December 5 and December 7-11, 2026, at Pagoda City Brewing, 101 N. Carroll St., Reading, PA 19611. To arrange a volunteer time, contact headelfchoryfs@gmail.com.

Contact Ashley Hugg at ahugg@choreading.org or 484-797-5591

⭐ **Crime Alert Berks County – Shop with a Cop**

We are looking for a few extra hands to wrap the presents that children choose for their special loved one(s). On Thursday, December 17th, from 6:00 – 7:00 PM, 30 children are paired with a local law enforcement officer to help spend $100 on their loved ones at Boscov's (North Muhlenberg). We are looking for Gift Wrappers to wrap the presents that the children select.

Contact Chris Nein at cnein@ptd.net or 610-334-0633.

⭐ **Friend, Inc. – Christmas Holiday Box Distributions**

Volunteers are needed on the following dates:
Thursday December 17, 3:30 PM to 8:00 PM
Friday December 18, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Volunteers assist with pantry distribution and distribute turkeys and holiday dinner boxes.

Contact Cathy Dill at cathy@friendinc.org or 610-683-7791.

⭐ **Habitat for Humanity – House Painting**

We need help painting our client's future home! Bring your friends, family, coworkers, or just yourself. Dates are November 18th & 25th, and December 2nd. Please reach out for more information and to sign up.

Contact Eneida Powell at 610-621-0011 or eneidap@habitatberks.org.

⭐ **Heartland Hospice – Holiday Crafters Wanted**

Are you or your group creative and artistic? Are you willing to create colorful bedside decorations to bring holiday cheer to our patients? Our patients are in nursing facilities and private homes. Your creations will lift their spirits, add cheer to their holidays, and let them know that others are thinking of them! Hospice provides quality of life to patients who have six months or less to live.
Ideas: small trees, snowmen, wreaths, angels, Santa, gingerbread houses, snowflakes, etc. No food/candy as we don't know what dietary restrictions the patients might have. No glass or anything overly breakable.

Deadline: December 11th, 2026. Please deliver to our office at 2201 Ridgewood Rd #180, Wyomissing, PA 19610

Contact Lori Gourama at Lori.Gourama@HeartlandHospice.com or 610-373-6898.

⭐ **Helping Harvest – Help us Feed our Neighbors this Holiday Season**

At Helping Harvest, the holidays are our busiest season! As the largest Food Distribution center in Berks and Schuylkill County; we have thousands of families we want to ensure get a wonderful holiday meal! Our brand-new Community Kitchen located in downtown Reading hosts myriads of ways to create heat and eat ready meals!

We are always looking for individuals or groups to join us at our new Community Kitchen prepping and packaging meals to be distributed to seniors in our community. The warehouse needs your help packing Holiday Boxes, bagging fresh produce, or even helping us sort through our donations! At our mobile food pantries (Mobile Markets) we are looking for volunteers to distribute food directly to families with some holiday spirit! We have opportunities Monday-Friday with some Saturdays available! We can't wait to see you!

Contact Kelsey Pfisterer at kpfisterer@helpingharvest.org or 610-926-5802

⭐ Hope Rescue Mission and LightHouse – Kitchen Helpers

We provide 3 meals a day, 7 days a week and would love your help serving 200 + men at Hope Rescue Mission or 50+ women and children at LightHouse. You can donate a meal, the ingredients, or help our team prepare food in our kitchen. Volunteers may also help with serving in the food line, busing tables, cleaning or organizing. Visit our website www.hopeforreading.org/volunteer-opportunities

Contact Sheri Golembiewski at volunteer@hopeforreading.org or 610-375-4224 ext. 205.

⭐ Keystone Military Families – Give to Veterans and Military in Need

Each week, we provide groceries, clothing, household items, and furniture to over 150 military families with complete anonymity. We have volunteer opportunities on Tuesdays, Thursday, and Saturdays from 9am – 2pm. Please reach out to get yourself or your group on the volunteer schedule. We need support with packing care packages, handing out pantry items, unloading deliveries, and more!

Contact Kyle Lord at keystonemilitary@yahoo.com or 610-698-2122

⭐ Kula Kamala Foundation – Cook, Grow & Give Back at Kula Kamala Foundation

Give the gift of your time this holiday season! At Kula Kamala Foundation, you can learn new skills in the kitchen while preparing meals to share, get your hands in the soil through community gardening, or explore the outdoors with Nature Club. Our Seva Socials offer a chance to meet new friends and give back through creative projects.

To get started, reach out for a volunteer application. Once you've filled it out, we'll set up a quick meet and greet to hear what interests you and share where support is needed. We'll walk you through the required clearances step by step. If you've been looking for a place to slow down, reconnect with yourself, and feel part of a community, we'd love to welcome you this season and throughout the year!

Contact Niranjana Holbach at Niranjana@KulaKamalafoundation.org or 484-509-5073 ext. 2

⭐ Operation Sunshine – Christmas Balloon Extravaganza

We specialize in delivering balloons, handwritten cards, and small gifts to children in hospitals, women in shelters, and others facing difficult circumstances. From November 1-30, each $5 donation sponsors a Christmas balloon for a local neighbor in need. We also need volunteers to write encouraging cards, prepare gifts and balloons, and support future balloon and gift deliveries. Cards are needed before December 5th and help with balloon deliveries are being made on December 12th and 19th.

Contact Ashton Redcay at Ashton@floatingsunshine.com or 717-283-3694

⭐ **The Lounge – Lean into the Lounge this Season**

At The Lounge, we serve more than 50 students on average each day. Students from around Berks County come to The Lounge to have a safe space to study, complete homework, and play in our game room. Due to the number of students we have seen in our first two months of operations, we need more adult volunteers! We see on average 10-15 high school volunteers daily, but we are only averaging 2 adult volunteers per shift. This gap in adult volunteers means that we sometimes have to alter our operating hours, which affects the students' ability to attend consistent programming.

Volunteers primarily help supervise students during our open hours, offer homework assistance when needed, engage with students through games and conversation, and help with occasional activities or events. No teaching experience or special skills are required! We're simply looking for caring, dependable adults who enjoy working with kids and teens and want to make a positive impact in our community. Volunteer opportunities are flexible, and all adult volunteers are required to complete the appropriate background clearances, which we're happy to help them navigate.

Contact Stacia Miller at thelounge3540@gmail.com or 941-961-5887

⭐ **Olivet Boys and Girls Club - Make a Difference in the Lives of Our Club Kids & Help Make the Holidays Brighter!**

Looking for a meaningful way to give back? Olivet Boys & Girls Club welcomes individuals, businesses, and community groups to help create positive experiences for our Club kids!

Club Clean-Up & Beautification: Help refresh our Club spaces through cleaning, organizing, and light beautification projects.
Leaders & Learners: Share your career journey, interests, or special skills with Club members through engaging conversations and hands-on activities.
Club Activities: Bring some fun to our Clubs by leading games, crafts, or seasonal activities with our kids! Whether you have a few hours to share or want to get involved regularly, we'd love to connect with you!

Contact Kristen Orgera at Kristen.orgera@olivetbgc.org or 610-484-3652

⭐ **ProBerco – Host a Holiday Bingo Party**

Host a bingo party for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities at our Day Services Programs in Reading, PA. Volunteer groups can assist by calling bingo numbers and helping facilitate games, assisting participants with identifying numbers on their bingo cards, distributing prizes and encouraging participation, serving refreshments, and helping to create a fun, welcoming atmosphere.

Volunteer groups may choose to donate bingo prizes and/or refreshments; however, this is not required. ProBerco will gladly provide these items if your group would prefer to focus on running the event. We have bingo supplies, but if the volunteer group would like to use a holiday bingo game they may. This is a great opportunity to engage with program participants in a fun and festive manner, while making an impact.

Contact Jessi Penchard at jpenchard@proberco.org or 610-372-4637 ext. 103

⭐ **ProBerco – Host a Holiday Dinner for our Clients**

Gather your team and help make the holiday season special for the individuals served by ProBerco. Business volunteer groups are invited to host a festive holiday luncheon for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This hands-on opportunity allows your team to plan a holiday menu, prepare and serve a meal, decorate if desired, and spend time celebrating with participants.

Volunteers will have access to our commercial kitchen to prepare the food if they like. ProBerco will purchase the food and supplies needed for the event. Volunteer groups simply need to develop a menu and provide us with an ingredient list so we can coordinate the purchase of items. Participants look forward to these special gatherings, which provide opportunities for socialization, community engagement, and holiday cheer.
Available Dates: December 15, December 17, December 18, December 22, December 31
Time Commitment: Approximately 3-4 hours, including setup, meal preparation, serving, and cleanup.
Meal Service: Holiday lunches will be served between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Participants may dine in shifts to ensure everyone enjoys a comfortable and enjoyable experience.

Whether your group is looking for a meaningful team-building activity, a way to give back during the holidays, or an opportunity to make a direct impact in the community, hosting a holiday luncheon is a wonderful way to share the spirit of the season with the individuals who call ProBerco home. We would be happy to work with your team to customize the experience and make it a rewarding event for everyone involved.

Contact Jessi Penchard at jpenchard@proberco.org or 610-372-4637 ext. 103

⭐ **Superheroes for Autism – Volunteer at our Brunch with Santa**

We are hosting our annual Brunch with Santa event. This magical day is uniquely designed for local families who have children and young adults on the autism spectrum, providing them with a safe, welcoming, and celebratory holiday environment. We are looking for volunteers to support the event and assist with keeping gift inventory and stocking shelves. Volunteers are needed on December 5th. Please reach out for more information and to sign up!

Contact Deneida Perez at superheroes4autism@gmail.com.

⭐ **Vision Resource Center of Berks County – Volunteer Drivers Needed**

Do you have one Wednesday a month to provide a ride for one of our clients? We depend on drivers to provide transportation to our Wednesday activities, whether they are local social activities, lunches or support group meetings at our headquarters at 2020 Hampden Blvd., Reading. If you haven't worked with people who are blind or visually impaired don't worry! Training is provided for you to feel comfortable!

Contact Melanie Mann at mmann@vrcberks.org or 610-375-8407

⭐ **VOiCE Up Berks – Youth Volunteer Corps**

STAR Committee Meeting
Be part of the group that keeps STAR moving forward! STAR, short for Stand Together Against Racism, is an on-going youth-driven, youth-led initiative to fight racism and promote kindness, acceptance, and inclusion in the world. The STAR Committee is a group of passionate students that meets regularly to work on brainstorming projects, advocacy efforts, and coordinating STAR work in the community. Any student is welcome to join the committee at any time and get involved. Meant for youth age 11 – 18.

This virtual meeting will occur on Nov. 16th from 6 PM to 7:30 PM, We will be discussing our upcoming story time project and planning MLK Jr. Day and Black History Month events. Sign up here: https://www.voiceupberks.org/search > Search "YVC STAR Committee Meeting"

Contact Dottie Diener at dottie@voiceupberks.org or 484-706-9364

Storytime Prep and Gift Wrap
Join us on Monday, November 16, 2026From 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM as we prepare for a festive story time with the kids at Second Street Learning! Help us wrap up the gift of reading by creating a special book and preparing activities that will make this story time extra special for our young readers. Come ready to get creative, spread some holiday cheer, and help make reading magical for the kids! This opportunity is available for youth aged 13 -18. Sign up here: https://www.voiceupberks.org/search > Search "YVC Storytime Prep & Gift Wrap"

Contact Dottie Diener at dottie@voiceupberks.org or 484-706-9364

STAR Committee Meeting and Storytime
Join our YVCSTAR Committee on Monday, December 7, 2026 from 3:45 PM - 5:15 PM for a festive afternoon of connection, creativity, and holiday cheer at Second Street Learning Center! Youth volunteers will spend time reading a special holiday story to younger students, creating a seasonal craft, and playing a fun group game. This engaging, hands-on experience is an opportunity to share the joy of the holiday season, spark imagination, and create meaningful moments with the children in our community. This opportunity is available for youth age 11 -18. Sign up here: https://www.voiceupberks.org/search > Search "YVC STAR Committee Meeting"

Contact Dottie Diener at dottie@voiceupberks.org or 484-706-9364

Youth Mental Health Ambassador Meeting

The Youth Mental Health Ambassador Program consists of middle and high school students from across Berks County. Following mental health training, Ambassadors collaborate on projects to support student mental health, raise awareness, reduce stigmas, and work on suicide prevention efforts alongside community organizations and fellow Ambassadors. If mental health is an issue that you feel passionate about, please join us as we work together to make a difference! This opportunity is open to youth aged 11-18

Join us on Thursday, December 10th from 6pm – 8pm. Sign up here: www.voiceupberks.org/search > Search "Youth Mental Health Ambassador Meeting."

Contact Zoe Stankiewicz at Zoe@voiceupberks.org and 484-706-9364

⭐ Yocum Institute for Arts Education – Join the Yocum Ambassadors

Volunteering at the Yocum Institute unifies your love of community, the arts, and arts education. Yocum Ambassadors support events on site and in the community, including open houses, performance events, fundraising gala, and tabling at events.
Clearances may be required. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old.

Contact Vicki Haller Graff at vgraff@yocuminstitute.org or 610-376-1576

⭐Opportunity House - Provide A Meal for our Shelter

Seeking a meaningful way for your business, club, church, or group of friends to give back during the holiday season? Whether you choose to prepare and serve the food or just drop it off – breakfast, lunch, and dinner dates are available all year round.

Contact Kris Batista at kbatista@opphouse.org or 610-374-4696 X234

⭐Providence House – Holiday Baking

Help bring a little holiday cheer to the 90 seniors and disabled adults at Providence House. Volunteers are invited to donate Christmas cookies or other home-baked treats for the residents' holiday soup social and Christmas celebrations. Your homemade treats will make the holidays a little sweeter for Providence House residents!

Donations can be dropped off or mailed to:
Attn: Patti Jefferson, Activities Coordinator
800 Court Street
Reading, PA 19601

Contact Patti Jefferson at 484-987-8728 or pjefferson1217@gmail.com.

Fulfill A Holiday Wish

⭐**American Cancer Society – Hope Lodge Wish List**

The American Cancer Society Hope Lodge of Philadelphia provides those impacted by a cancer diagnosis and a caregiver with a free place to stay when treatment takes them far from home. Many Berks County residents utilize the Lodge while receiving cancer care in the Philadelphia region.

The American Cancer Society Hope Lodge helps ease the financial and logistical burden of traveling for treatment while providing patients and caregivers with a welcoming, supportive community. Donations from the Lodge's wish list help provide everyday essentials, comfort items, and special items for guests who remain at Hope Lodge during the holiday season: ACS Hope Lodge of Philadelphia Wish List

Contact Stephanie McDonald at stephanie.mcdonald@cancer.org

⭐**Berks Coalition to End Homelessness – Wish List Help**

This holiday season, we encourage you to think of our unhoused community. On any given night, there are 200 - 300 people sleeping outside in Berks County. Over 20 people walk into our office each week asking for supplies and resources. As the weather gets colder, we provide even more supplies, and we need your help in building up our supplies.

Check out Amazon wish list for our most needed supplies: https://a.co/eAneqE7.

⭐**Big Brothers Big Sisters – Amazon Wish List**

Help us make the holidays a little brighter for the children we serve! Our Amazon Holiday Wish List includes items that will help support our programs and bring smiles to the youth in our community. Every donation, big or small, makes a difference and helps us continue our mission of igniting the power and promise of youth. Thank you for helping us spread a little holiday cheer and for being Defenders of Potential! Amazon Wish List - https://a.co/04SDObk8

Contact Liz Beilhart at Liz@bigsinberks.org or 610-373-5544

⭐**Fostering Hope Berks – Holiday Gift Cards**

Our organization is looking for gift cards to help our families impacted by foster care in Berks County to purchase gifts for the holiday season. The gift cards should be $50 or less per card to any store in Berks County where our families can shop for gifts.

Contact Paula Gyomber at berks@fosteringhopepa.org or 484-258-9318

⭐Children's Home of Reading (CHOR) – Support a Child, Take a Tag

Help make the holidays brighter for youth served by CHOR Youth & Family Services! Individuals, families, businesses, and community groups can request gift tags and purchase the wishes listed. The suggested gift value is $25-$30 per tag.

Please return gifts unwrapped with their tags attached November 30-December 11, 2026, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Pagoda City Brewing, 101 N. Carroll St., Reading, PA 19611. To request tags, contact headelfchoryfs@gmail.com.

Contact Ashley Hugg at ahugg@choreading.org or 484-797-5591

⭐Dayspring Homes – Adopt A Resident - Stocking Stuffers & Gift Cards

Please consider helping make the holiday season special for the individuals we support at Dayspring Homes by providing personal care items and gift cards for their stockings.

Some suggested personal care items include: Shampoo and conditioner, Body wash, Lotion, Hairbrushes and mini combs, ChapStick, Deodorant, Toothpaste and toothbrushes, Dental floss & Other personal hygiene items

Gift cards are also a wonderful option and can be used to purchase items based on individual preferences and needs. Thank you for helping make the holidays a little brighter for the individuals we support!

Contact Vicki Swain at vswain@dayspringhomes.org or 610-376-5648 ext. 228 (office) or 954-609-1082 (mobile)

⭐Hope Rescue Mission and LightHouse – Helping through the Holidays

Amazon Gift Cards or purchasing items from our Amazon Wish List are great ways to partner with Hope Rescue Mission. There are many needs over the winter months, and this is a wonderful gift for those we serve.

The Mission - tinyurl.com/HRMWishlist
LightHouse Women & Children's Center - tinyurl.com/HRMLighthouseWishlist

Collection Drives – We are always collecting new and gently used men, women and children's clothing. Bags can be dropped off at one of our many bins located in Berks County. A list of bin locations is available www.hopeforreading.org/donateitems

In addition, the following items are always appreciated:
The Mission – shampoo, deodorant, razors, shaving gel, long underwear: medium to 3X, underwear: medium to 3X, sweatpants: medium - 3X
LightHouse – disinfecting wipes, toilet paper, paper towels, body wash, soap, razors, shaving gel, deodorant, children's bodywash / shampoo.

⭐Keystone Military Families – Give to Veterans and Military in Need

Each week, we provide groceries, clothing, household items, and furniture to over 150 military families with complete anonymity. Help us fill our pantry this holiday season!

Holiday meal items - Canned Corn, Canned Green Beans, Canned Yams or Sweet Potatoes, Canned Pumpkin or Pumpkin Pie Filling, Pie crust or mix, Cans or Jars of Turkey Gravy (Packets are OK), Jars or cans of Applesauce, Boxes or Bags of Stuffing Mix, Boxes of Instant mashed Potatoes, Bread, Roll, or Biscuit Mix, $15 or $20 gift card for a turkey or ham

Baking items - Nuts or Mints, Flour, Sugar, Vanilla, Chocolate Chips, Baking Soda, Baking Powder

Hats, gloves, scarves, and coats for all ages, Adult and children.

Contact Kyle Lord at keystonemilitary@yahoo.com or 610-698-2122

⭐LGBT Center of Greater Reading – Support our Amazon Wish List

This holiday season, you can make a difference in the lives of LGBTQ+ individuals right here in our community! When you shop our Amazon Wish List, you're directly supporting the Center's programs including counseling and youth services as well as many other community organized events.

Amazon wish link: www.tinyurl.com/LGBTCenterWishList
And don't forget, your everyday shopping can make a difference too! Year round, when you shop through our Amazon Associates link, a portion of your purchases goes directly toward supporting our Center at absolutely no extra cost to you! Simply click the Smile Associate link before you order anything from Amazon!

Amazon smile associates link: www.smileassociate.com/lgbtcenterofreading

Shop with purpose. Give with pride. Thank you for helping us spread warmth, hope, and love this holiday season!

⭐The Lounge – Holiday Wish List

At The Lounge, we serve more than 50 students on average each day. Students from around Berks County come to The Lounge to have a safe space to study, complete homework, and play in our game room. We have a running list of wish list needs. Everyday household items such as paper towels, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, etc. are always helpful. We also have an Amazon Wishlist that staff and students add to. It is included in our LinkTree below: https://linktr.ee/theloungenonprofit

Contact Stacia Miller at thelounge3540@gmail.com or 941-961-5887

⭐Mary's Shelter – Holiday Wish List

We are always grateful for donations of items from our Wish List, including toiletries, clothing, household essentials, and gift cards. These everyday necessities make a meaningful difference and are provided directly to our residents, clients, and community members who need a little extra support.

Every donation, big or small, helps us provide comfort, dignity, and essential resources for those we serve. We truly appreciate your generosity and continued support of Mary's Shelter. See our wish list here: www.marysshelter.org/donated-items

Contact Crystal Enchautegui at office@marysshelter.org or 610.603.8010

⭐New Journey Community Outreach – Christmas Giving

Help us provide warm and nutritious meals this holiday season by helping in our daily soup kitchen. We are looking for bagged lunches or made ahead meals that can be heated here and portioned for lunch distribution. We serve an average of 400 lunches a day, however any number you can provide will help. We'd love to have your group working in our kitchen to help spread warmth and hope to our neighbors.

Contact Jeff Laylon at jlaylon@njcoinc.org or 610-375-2662 X24.

⭐Olivet Boys and Girls Club – Help Make the Holidays Brighter!

Help spread a little holiday joy to children and families in our community! Olivet Boys & Girls Club is seeking donations of gift cards, new toys, pajamas, gloves, scarves, and hats to help make the season special for our Club kids. Individuals, businesses, and community groups are welcome to participate!

Contact Kristen Orgera at Kristen.orgera@olivetbgc.org or 610-484-3652

⭐Opportunity House - Holiday Gifts for Children

Help our Learning Center students experience the gift of holidays cheer over the winter break! Donate brand new pajamas, brand new books, and $25 gift cards so each Learning Center family can have a cozy holiday season without worrying about how to meet their needs this winter.

Pajama size information will be provided, gift cards can be unrestricted (VISA/MC), to merchandise stores (Amazon, Walmart, Target), or to local grocery store (Redner's, Giant, Weis), etc. Donations due by December 15th to ensure children can receive them before the holiday break.

Contact Kris Batista at kbatista@opphouse.org or 610-374-4696 X234.

⭐**Providence House – Adopt the Seniors of Providence House Apartments**

Providence House is an affordable senior and independent living community. We're looking for generous volunteers to gift us 90 holiday stockings for our seniors to help make their holiday season a little brighter!

Small toiletries – toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, lotion
Individually wrapped candy and small snacks
Socks
Puzzle books (word search, crossword, Sudoku)

Contact Patti Jefferson at pjefferson1217@gmail.com or 484-987-8728

⭐**Rock Hollow Woods Environmental Learning Center – Send a Child to Nature Camp**

Sponsor a child to attend one of Rock Hollow Woods' nature camps. These children will be immersed in an authentic nature experience with certified teachers, which includes hands-on exploration of creeks, forests, meadows and wetlands. They get dirty, have fun, learn about the natural world around them, become environmental stewards and make memories that will last a lifetime.

Contact Michelle Zeitz at info@rockhollowwoods.org or 610-582-0415.

⭐**Safe Berks – Holiday Meals**

We are looking for small groups to provide dinner or sponsor a local restaurant to provide dinner for the residents of our Safe House. We have 40-50 people which includes parents and children. We appreciate if food can be delivered hot and ready to serve by 5 PM. Please bring earlier if you need us to re-heat food. Many dates are available.

Holiday Gifts

We are seeking members of the community to donate holiday gifts for our survivors! Donors can "adopt a family", host a holiday gift drive, or do a personal donation.

Contact Erica Caceres at ericac@safeberks.org or (610) 373-1206 ext. 116

⭐**Superheroes For Autism – Donate Holiday Gifts**

We are hosting our annual Brunch with Santa event. This magical day is uniquely designed for local families who have children and young adults on the autism spectrum, providing them with a safe, welcoming, and celebratory holiday environment. Please consider donating gifts and/or gift cards that we can give to our participants! Gifts are needed before the event date – December 5th.

Contact Deneida Perez at superheroes4autism@gmail.com.

⭐**Toys4Tots – Gift Donations**

Please visit the website to provide gifts www.berks-pa.toysfortots.org or see the list of drop off locations.

Contact Sophia Medina at berks.pa@toysfortots.org or 484-258-3899

⭐**VOiCE UP Berks – Youth Volunteer Corps, Wish List for Family Night of Service**

VOiCEup Berks, in partnership with Reading Hospital, is hosting a Family Night of Service benefiting the Reading Hospital Street Medicine Program. While volunteer spots for this special evening are now full, the community can still make a meaningful impact by donating items from our Amazon Wish List. These essential supplies will support individuals and families experiencing significant medical and life challenges, helping bring care, compassion, and dignity to some of our community's most vulnerable neighbors. Every donation, big or small, helps extend the impact of this evening of service beyond the event itself.

Help us turn generosity into meaningful care by purchasing an item from our Amazon Wish List prior to the event. (We ask that all donations arrive by 11/16)

Find our wish list here: https://www.voiceupberks.org/search > Search "Family Volunteer Day"

Contact Dottie Diener at dottie@voiceupberks.org or 484-706-9364

⭐**Widoktadwen Center for Native Knowledge – Promotes the Visibility of Native Americans**

Shop our Amazon Wish List and Barnes & Noble Wish List to help us grow our community outreach and expand our Indigenous library collection. We welcome gift card donations and small gifts for community giveaways. Find links and a general supply wish list at: www.widoktadwen.org/donate/

Contact Amanda Funk at amanda@widoktadwen.org or 484-257-9304

Thank You!

From our United Way family to yours, we thank you for taking care of your community. Wishing you a very happy and healthy holiday season!

For more information, contact:

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