

“Programs, generally supported by donations from the community, that attempt to facilitate enjoyment of the holiday season by low-income community residents through distributions of food and occasionally gifts for children or other family members.” (Reference - Michigan 2-1-1)

## Thanksgiving

### **The Salvation Army - Beecher Corps**

1475 W Coldwater Rd, Flint, MI 48505; (810) 789-4003  
<http://www.beecher.salarmygenesee.org>

- Provides free Thanksgiving Eve dinner to all
- No eligibility or documentation requirements
- Dinner 4:30-6:30pm. Doors open at 4:00pm

### **Crossover Downtown Outreach Ministry**

414 W. Court St, Flint, MI 48503; (810) 234-2479  
[www.crossoverministryflint.org](http://www.crossoverministryflint.org)

- Provides a typical Thanksgiving meal by providing all the “fixings” and a voucher to purchase a turkey
- Assistance is available to Genesee County residents in need
- Must have a referral from DHHS case worker
- Picture ID and proof of number of persons in household required

## Christmas

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- Provides holiday assistance to Genesee county residents in need
- Must have a referral from DHHS case worker
- Picture ID and proof of number of persons in household required

### **Toys For Tots – Genesee County**

4425 S. Saginaw St, Flint, MI 48507; (810) 715-4401  
<http://www.toysfortots.org>

- Provides toys for children 15 or younger whose families who meet income guidelines
- Walk-ins accepted November 27<sup>th</sup>- December 9<sup>th</sup>, 9am-4pm
- Cannot service foster care program families
- Documents required:
  - If not a DHHS, SSI or SSD client
    - Proof of year to date household income
    - Parent/legal guardian current Michigan ID and Social Security Card
    - Child Birth Certificate and Social Security Card
    - Piece of mail matching ID address
  - If a DHHS, SSI or SSD client
    - All of the above documentation required including:
      - Proof of year to date household income including DHHS Forms 1605; 1606; etc.
      - Benefit Summary of all pages

There may be additional resources for you to consider through various community agencies. Michigan 2-1-1 is a free confidential service that connects you with local community-based organizations offering support services for people seeking answers to help in addressing their needs and questions. You can connect with Michigan 2-1-1 by either:

- Visiting the website at <http://www.mi211.org>
- Dialing 2-1-1 or either one of these Toll Free phone lines at (844) 875-9211 or (800) 649-3777 (Michigan Relay) for personal assistance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Revised Oct. 31, 2017 – The Regional Alliance for Healthy Schools (RAHS) community resource directory information is up-to-date to the best of our knowledge. However, please call the agency to confirm this information and availability of services.

**The Salvation Army – Flint Citadel Corps**

211 W. Kearsley St, Flint MI 48502; (810) 232-2196  
<http://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/genesee>

- Provides assistance to Genesee County families who otherwise would be unable to celebrate Christmas
- Children over 14 years old are not eligible for toys
- Accepts applications on a first come, first served basis
  - November 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, 9am-7pm
  - November 16<sup>th</sup>, 9am-2pm
- To sign up for assistance you must have the following documents with you:
  - Michigan ID and Social Security Cards for ALL adults in the household
    - Case summary from DHHS will be accepted as proof of social security number
  - Proof of dependents in the home
    - Birth Certificates and Social Security Cards
    - Must be parents or provide proof of legal guardianship
      - Case summary from DHHS will be accepted as birth record and Social Security Card
  - Current bills for the last 30 days
    - Bills must contain the name and address of the individual applying for assistance.
    - Current bills include Rent, Mortgage, Water, Gas, Electric, Telephone, Cable, etc.
      - Salvation Army will print water or Consumers Energy bills on site, if needed
  - Proof of income for the last 30 days
    - Pay stubs, child support statement, Social Security, SSI, SSDI, Unemployment/Workman’s Comp, etc.
    - Notice of case action (from DHHS) will be accepted as income statement (statement cannot be more than 6 months old)

**The Old Newsboys of Flint**

6255 Taylor Dr, Flint MI 48507; 810-744-1840:  
<http://www.onbflint.org>

Christmas Box Program

- Designed to be a safety net to provide gifts to children (from birth to age 18 *if still in high school*) who might otherwise go without
- Enrollment is open October 30<sup>th</sup>–December 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017; Mon-Fri 8:30am – 4pm, closed 12pm – 1pm
- To apply to the program, the parent or legal guardian must come to the Old Newsboys office at 6255 Taylor Drive, Flint MI (Furthest south door on the west side of the building) during the scheduled enrollment times
- The parent or legal guardian must:
  - Bring their Driver’s License or Michigan State ID that proves residency in Genesee Co
  - Bring their Social Security card
  - Bring the Birth Certificates or Judgments of Legal Custody for each child enrolled
  - Bring one of the three documents listed below demonstrating low income status
    - 2016 Tax Records
    - Current Michigan Medicaid card
    - Acceptance to Federal Lunch Program) Letter from your child’s school confirming your child’s enrollment in the free/ reduced price lunch program)
- Understand that EVEN IF your children have received gifts from the Old Newsboys in the past, all of the above listed paper work must be provided each year they are enrolled
- You may not sign up for more than one (similar service) agency during the Christmas season. The Old Newsboys is in a service pool with 11 local agencies that provide Christmastime assistance. If you appear on one of the lists from another agency, you may be required to obtain a letter of release from that agency or forfeit your box from the Old Newsboys of Flint
- Occasionally special circumstances occur. Please contact the Old Newsboys office to see if special circumstances exist to qualify your child

The RAHS community resource directory information is up-to-date to the best of our knowledge. Please call the agency/service to confirm this information, availability, and eligibility. **Please feel free to provide us feedback** on your personal experiences with any agency or service. Call RAHS at (810) 767-8383 or contact the Health Promotions Manager at [jgardonr@med.umich.edu](mailto:jgardonr@med.umich.edu).