

“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.salarmygeneseecounty.org>

- Provides free Thanksgiving Eve dinner to all
- Dinner is from 4:30-6:30pm
- No eligibility or documentation requirements
- Free transportation will be provided
 - Participants will need to attend the MTA bus terminal at 615 Harrison St, Flint MI 48502 and inform them that you will be traveling to The Salvation Army
 - Busses will leave the bus terminal at 4pm, 5pm, and 6pm
 - Busses will leave The Salvation Army at 4:30pm, 5:30pm, and 6:30pm

Catholic Charities – North End Soup Kitchen

735 E. Stewart Ave, Flint MI 48505; (810) 785-6911
<https://www.catholiccharitiesflint.org/>

- Provides a free Thanksgiving Day meal to all
- Meal starts at 11:30am
- No eligibility or documentation requirements



Christmas

Please avoid signing up for more than one similar service agency during the holidays as agencies participate in a service pool with other local holiday package providers. If you appear on one of the lists from another agency, you will be required to obtain a letter of release from that agency.

Catholic Charities – North End Soup Kitchen

735 E. Stewart Ave, Flint MI 48505; (810) 785-6911
<https://www.catholiccharitiesflint.org/>

- Provides a free Christmas Day meal to all
- No eligibility or documentation requirements
- Meal starts at 11:30am
- Children attending will receive a new toy and adults will receive a personal needs bag
- Must be present to receive gift. They are unable to provide toys or needs bags to those who do not attend

The Old Newsboys of Flint

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

- The program was created to make sure no child is forgotten at Christmas
- Children from birth to age 18 (if still in high school) living in Genesee County may be eligible
- To apply to the program, a parent or legal guardian (must provide proof of guardianship) must come in person to the office during the scheduled enrollment times
- **Enrollment is open October 29th–December 21st**
 - **Mon-Fri 8:30am – 4pm, closed 12pm – 1pm**
- To sign up for assistance parent or legal guardian must have the following documents when applying in person:
 - Driver’s License or Michigan State ID that proves residency in Genesee County
 - Be able to provide Social Security number
 - 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
 - 2017 Tax Records
 - Current Michigan Medicaid card for each child
 - Acceptance to Federal Lunch Program (Letter from your child’s school confirming your child’s enrollment in the free/ reduced price lunch program)
- Occasionally special circumstances occur. If you feel your family qualifies for the program but are unable to provide the above documentation, please contact the Old Newsboys office to see if special circumstances exist to qualify your child
- 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

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 October 26, 2018 – 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.

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.
 - Will issue referral for children over 15
- **Enrollment is November 26th- December 9th 9am-4pm**
- Cannot service foster care program families
- Parent or legal guardian must apply in person (proof of guardianship required)
- Documents required:
 - If not a DHHS, SSI or SSD client
 - Proof of all 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
 - DHS Form 1605/1604/1606, OR, SSI/SSD
 - Current Summary of DHHS form
 - Current Picture Michigan ID
 - Must match DHHS address
 - Child Social Security Card

Flint Eastside Mission

1917 Delaware Ave, Flint MI 48506; (810) 767-5312
<https://www.flinteastsidemission.org/>

Christmas Dinner

- Provides a free Christmas Day meal to all
- Meal is from 11am-1pm
- No eligibility or documentation requirements

Christmas Gift Giveaway

- Provides holiday assistance to families who reside with the 48506 area code
- Families who qualify will have an opportunity for families to go shopping with the mission’s inventory for holiday gifts
- Parent or legal guardian (must provide proof of guardianship) must apply in person
- Applications are on a first come, first served basis
 - **November 5th-8th 9:30am-12:30pm**
- To sign up for assistance you must have the following documents with you:
 - Driver’s License or Michigan State ID
 - Piece of mail contain the name and address of the individual applying for assistance
 - Residency must be within the 48506 zip
 - Child’s Birth Certificates or Medicaid Card

The Salvation Army: <http://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/genesee>

- Provides assistance to Genesee County families who otherwise would be unable to celebrate
- Children over 14 years old are not eligible for toys
- Parent or legal guardian must apply in person (proof of guardianship required)
- Applications are on a first come, first served basis
 - 211 W. Kearsley St, Flint MI 48502
 - **November 13th 9am-2pm**
 - **November 14th 9am-7pm**
 - 1475 Coldwater Rd, Flint MI 48505
 - **November 6th 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 & Social Security Cards
 - Case summary from DHHS will be accepted as birth record & SS 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, 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 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 by calling RAHS at (810) 767-8383.