

“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

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

#### **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 November 4<sup>th</sup>–November 26<sup>th</sup>**
  - **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
    - 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

**Toys For Tots – Genesee County**

4425 S. Saginaw St, Flint, MI 48507; (810) 715-4401

<http://www.toysfortots.org>

- Provides toys for children 12 or younger whose families who meet income guidelines.
  - Will issue referral for children over 13
- **Enrollment is November 1 December 16<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 9am-2pm**
    - **November 14<sup>th</sup> 9am-7pm**
  - 1475 Coldwater Rd, Flint MI 48505
    - **November 6<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 & Social Security Cards
      - Case summary from DHHS will be

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.