



2020 Holiday Get Help Guide



Many agencies, businesses, churches, nursing homes, schools and neighbors provide a little extra help over the holidays, but people who are in need sometimes wonder who can help them. Here are some ideas for getting holiday help in Marathon County as of 9/22/2020. For more information contact United Way's 211 using contacts at the bottom of this page.

NOTE: Due to COVID-19, program information may be subject to change as the local public health situation develops throughout fall and winter. Listed organizations reserve the right to make adjustments to scheduled programming in order to preserve public safety. Some program information was not available at the time of this publication. Contact United Way's 211 for a complete updated list of holiday programs using contacts at the bottom of this page. Information is current as of 9/22/2020.

Holiday Gifts

The Salvation Army in Wausau distributes gifts for children. Christmas presents are available for eligible children age 17 and under. Applicants should call 715-845-4272 to make an appointment for registration. Appointments will be held Oct. 8-Dec. 14, 2020. Applicants should call as soon as possible.

Calls will be accepted throughout the entire application period as availability allows. Bring parent photo IDs, IDs for children, proof of income or ForwardHealth eligibility letter, proof of address, and clothing sizes and 3 gift ideas per child. One person per household per appointment unless bringing an interpreter. Distributions take place Dec. 14-19, by appointment only. No children at distribution. Only one person per household allowed into distribution unless other arrangements were made ahead of time for an interpreter.

Food Pantries

See other side for pantries that help.

Holiday Meals

Thanksgiving:

First Presbyterian Church: 406 Grant St, Wausau
Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26. Wausau and Rib Mountain ONLY. Delivery only, no eat in meal. Call Nov. 9-23, 3-6pm to reserve delivery: 715-846-5612.

Christmas:

St. Paul United Church of Christ: 426 Washington St, Wausau
Christmas Day, Dec. 25, at 12 Noon. Carry-outs only. No on-site meal or deliveries. Call Dec. 14-23, 9am-6pm to reserve carry out: 715-845-2200



For more information about helping programs and volunteer opportunities contact United Way's 211.

Dial 211 or 715-848-2255.
Phones are answered 24/7.

Text your zip code to 898211, M-F, 8am-4pm. Standard message and data rates may apply. Text STOP to opt out.

Email your question to askus@unitedwaymc.org. Emails are answered M-F, 8am-5pm.

Visit www.unitedwaymc.org/get-help to Chat with an information specialist M-F, 8am-12pm or search the database online 24/7.



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Give Time ~ Volunteer

Adopt a Resident/Client - North Central Health Care and Mount View Care Center are looking for volunteers to purchase a holiday gift for a resident or client that might not receive a gift over the holidays. There is also a list of generic gift items that are needed if volunteers would prefer to do a collection of items for residents and clients. Call Volunteer Services at 715-848-4450 or email volunteer@norcen.org for information.

Christmas Assistance Intake - Volunteer to help with intake process for Christmas gift assistance through The Salvation Army. Shifts available 10am-3pm October 8, 15, 19, and 21; 8am-3pm October 13; and 1pm-7pm October 9. In need of 3-4 volunteers per shift. Contact Colleen at 715-845-4272 ext. 110 or colleen.hilber@usc.salvationarmy.org.

Christmas Festival (Mosinee) - Volunteers are needed Friday, December 4 from 6-9pm (set up) and Saturday, December 5 with shifts beginning at 7:30am & ending at 3:30pm, at the Mosinee High School cafeteria for the Saturday Craft sale/Breakfast with Santa event. Call 715-693-4330 or email events@mosineechamber.org.

Empty Bowls - The Neighbors' Place needs help with tasks supporting a virtual Empty Bowls event in October-November. Call 715-845-1966 or email general@neighborsplace.org.

Faith in Action Gifts of Hope - Make homemade Christmas cards for senior care-receivers. Drop off cards at 630 Adams Street, Wausau, WI 54403 at the Faith in Action office in Immanuel Lutheran Church by Thursday, November 19. Contact Faith in Action at 715-848-8783 or WausauFIAinfo@gmail.com.

Spread Holiday Cheer - Help those experiencing homelessness celebrate the holidays by volunteering or providing special food or simple gifts this holiday season. This opportunity could be for individuals or groups. Contact Tracy Rieger at the Wausau Community Warming Center at (608) 519-8069 or (715) 409-0107.

Write Letters from Santa - Help McLit (Marathon County Literacy Council) respond to children's letters to Santa in December by handwriting letters using a sample template. Also accepting cash donations toward stationary, envelopes, and stamps. Call 715-679-6170 or email mclitofwausau@gmail.com.

Give Strength ~ Donate to Food Pantries

For a complete list of food pantries, contact United Way's 211.

First Presbyterian Church
406 Grant St, Wausau
715-842-2116

The Neighbors' Place
745 Scott St, Wausau
715-845-1966

The Salvation Army
202 Callon St, Wausau
715-845-4272

Wesley United Methodist Church
1101 Elm St, Wausau
715-842-3768

Saint Paul United Church of Christ
426 Washington St, Wausau
715-842-3733

Saint Agnes Catholic Church
6101 Zinser St, Weston
715-359-5675

Christ Community Church Food Assistance Program
8100 Alderson St, Schofield
715-241-7335 Ext 3

Community Center of Hope
607 13th St, Mosinee
715-693-7145

Mosinee Circle of Joy
603 4th St, Mosinee
715-693-2811

Edgar Circle of Joy
Edgar Village Hall
224 S 3rd Ave, Edgar
715-352-2532

Community United Pantry (CUP)
Zion Lutheran Church
301 N 2nd St, Colby
715-223-2166

Spencer King's Pantry
Christ the King Catholic Church
107 E Wendell St, Spencer
715-659-5181

Stratford Area Pantry
Donations accepted at the Stratford State Bank and area churches.
715-687-3126

Give Gifts to Children, Families, Elderly, & the Disabled

Catholic Charities
Bailey, 608-519-8062

Family Resource Center
Nicole, 715-848-1457

Greater Wausau Christian Services
Marlene, 715-842-5635

North Central Health Care Volunteer Services,
715-848-4450

The Salvation Army
Colleen, 715-845-4272

The Women's Community
Samantha, 715-842-5663

Suggested Food Pantry Donations

Canned Goods: canned tuna or other meats, hearty soups, beans, fruit, vegetables, fruit juices (100% juice), baby food, formula.

Dry Goods: healthy cereals, oatmeal, peanut butter, jelly/jam, rice, noodles, spaghetti sauces, salad dressings, condiments.

Personal Care Items: diapers, toilet paper, tampons/sanitary pads, shampoo, soap, deodorant.

Household Supplies: laundry detergent, bleach, dishwashing soap, cleaning supplies, garbage bags, paper towels.