



HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As the weather gets colder and the holiday season draws near, local charity organizations are sending out information for families in need of winter clothing, food, and/or holiday toys. On the reverse side please find information regarding where families can apply for assistance. **Please pay close attention to deadlines and application procedures.**

If you are signing up for Holiday assistance, please note that you can and should apply to all available services. However, if you apply to both the "Christmas Toy Shop/ Holiday Food Box" and the "HACAP Adopt-A-Family," you will only be considered for one.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above information, feel free to call me at 558-1715.

Sincerely,

Kerri Leu
Grant Wood Counselor

Local Holiday Assistance Services



1) Coats for Kids and Adults

Olivet Neighborhood Mission

Thursday, October 24

230 10th Street NW
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52405

8:30 – 11:30 a.m

Phone: 319-364-7946

Jane Boyd

Saturday, November 9, 2013

943 14th Avenue SE | Cedar Rapids

9:00 – 1:00

www.janeboyd.org

366-0431

Please bring photo ID & the children if possible! Coats go fast **come in ASAP**.

2) Christmas Toy Shop and Holiday Food Boxes

Applications must be picked up at:

The Salvation Army
1000 C Avenue N.W.

Location: Gym
364-9131

Hours:

Monday thru Friday
9:30 A.M. – 11:00A.M.
1:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Dates: October 28—November 15

Evening Hours:

4:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Dates: November 5, 14

Applicants must bring the following to apply: Iowa issued picture identification card, social security cards for each member of the family and proof of income. Acceptable documents to verify income include: Social Security statement or letter from the Social Security Administration stating income, 2008 income taxes, pay stubs from the last 30 days, food stamp EBT card, LIHEAP approval letter and/or WIC packet. Those households with children ages birth to seventeen also qualify for the toy distribution. **No registrations will be accepted after November 15th.**

3) HACAP Adopt-A-Family

You may request applications for HACAP Adopt-A-Family from the school counselor. Applications will be available from:

October 21st - November 15th

Some additional points to remember:

1. HACAP serves ALL schools in the area. The sooner you get your application in the more likely you are to be adopted, but there is no guarantee of adoption.
2. **Adoption is not guaranteed!** HACAP will notify you if & when **your family is adopted**.
3. Only complete & readable applications will be considered. You must have a phone number where you can be easily reached.
4. Signing up for the Adopt-a-Family program **does not** sign you up for Toys for Tots or any other community program. You must sign up for these programs at **one of the community registration sites**.

4) Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Applications will be taken **November 1st to April 15th**

** Applications are available in the office**

5) Shoes that Fit

Families that are in need of shoes for their children should contact the school counselor for an application. Names will be submitted to On-Media and Mediacom for donations. **Deadline, November 22nd.** There is no guarantee that shoes will be available to everyone who applies.