



**American  
Red Cross**

of the Greater Lehigh Valley

**December 2009 Holiday Meals and Events;  
Holiday Donation Requests, Adopt-A-Family Programs**

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**Organizations holding holiday meals, events:**

**Allentown**

**City Limits Assembly of God**, 302 Ridge Avenue, Allentown; 610-776-8656; Dec. 4 at 7 p.m.;  
Distribution of free Christmas trees, hot dogs and hot drinks.

**Everlasting Life Ministries**, Bethany Evangelical Congregational Church; 224 North Sixth  
Street, Allentown; 610-776-4009; Dec. 19 at 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

**New Generation Day Care**, 712 West Linden Street (side entrance), Allentown; 610-434-2456;  
Dec. 23, from 5-8 p.m.

**Ecumenical Soup Kitchen/Catholic Charities**, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 179 Chew Street,  
Allentown; 610-435-1541; Christmas Day lunch from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

**Lehigh County Conference of Church's Soup Kitchen**, St. Paul's Lutheran Church,  
Fellowship Hall, 36 South Eighth Street, Allentown; 484-664-2994; Dec. 29 Christmas lunch  
from noon-1:30 p.m.

**YMCA and YWCA of Allentown**, 425 South 15th Street, Allentown; 610-434-9333; Christmas  
Day dinner from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; call to make a reservation by Dec. 22; Santa will be there with  
gifts for the children.

**Bethlehem**

**New Bethany Ministries**, 333 Fourth Street, Bethlehem; 610-691-5602; Christmas Day brunch  
from 10:30 a.m.-noon.

**Trinity Soup Kitchen**, 44 East Market Street, Bethlehem; 610-867-4741; Christmas Day dinner from noon–1 p.m.; for residents of the north side of Bethlehem.

### **Easton**

**Boys and Girls Club of Easton**, 1101 Northampton Street, Easton; 610-253-5846; Holiday party for children ages 5-12 on Dec. 23, from 5-8 p.m. No fee if member of club; non-members: \$10 (includes club membership); Must pre-register by Dec. 16.

**Trinity Episcopal Church, 610-253-0792**; Dec. 19, from noon-1 p.m.; location is at the Third Street Alliance for Women and Children, 41 North Third Street, Easton (use front Third Street door).

### **Fogelsville**

**Spirit of the Lehigh Valley**, Holiday Inn Fogelsville, I-78 and Route 100 South, Breingsville; 610-391-1000; 17th Annual Free Dinner Buffet on Dec. 24 includes holiday entertainment and a visit from Santa. Serving begins at 11 a.m. Call to volunteer your time, talent or treasure.

***Free bus pick-up.*** To reserve a seat and receive an invitation, contact one of the following agencies:

**Allentown:** Boys Club, 610-432-9323; Hispanic American Organization, 610-435-5334; Program for Women and Families, 610-433-6556; Salvation Army, 610-432-0129

**Bethlehem:** Community Services for Children, 610-437-6000; New Bethany Ministries, 610-691-5602; Salvation Army, 610-867-4681; South Bethlehem Neighborhood Center, 610-865-2791; Turning Point, 610-797-0530; Victory House, 610-691-3373

**Easton:** Boys and Girls Club of Easton, 610-253-5846; Easton Area Neighborhood Center, 610-253-4253; Project of Easton, 610-258-4361; Salvation Army, 610-258-9531

***NOTE: Each individual or family MUST have an invitation to present to the bus driver and/or at the entrance to the Holiday Inn Fogelsville.***

**Organizations requesting donations of specific items or volunteers:**

**Aids Activities Office**, 610-969-4266 (contact Gloria Castro); Donations of gifts including toiletries, gift cards, new toys for all ages and food for individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS for their “Christmas Angel” program.

**Allentown Rescue Mission**, 610-740-5500 (contact Bill Dickinson); Donations of gift certificates for shelter residents specifically from Giant Food Stores, Redner’s Warehouse Markets and Wal-Mart. Also donations of male personal care items along with donations of cleaning and paper products such as disposable cups, large trash bags, laundry detergent, paper towels, spray cleaners and toilet paper.

**Boys and Girls Club of Allentown**, 610-432-9944 (contact Deb Fries-Jackson); Donations of age- appropriate gifts for children ages 5 through 14 to be distributed at holiday parties. Deadline: Dec. 10.

**Boys and Girls Club of Easton**, 610-253-5846 (contact Dean Young); Donations of age- appropriate gifts for children ages 5 through 12 to be distributed at Dec. 23 holiday party. Donations need to be delivered to the agency by Dec. 19 and marked girl/boy with appropriate age (especially if wrapped).

**City Limits Assembly of God**, 610-776-8656 (contact Rita Lilly); Donations of coats, hats, gloves and scarves to be handed out at annual Christmas tree distribution to adults and children who arrive without the warmth and benefit of these items. Donations needed by Dec. 4.

**Daybreak**, 610-820-5049 (contact Christine Morrison); Donations of new adult socks, blankets, extra large T-shirts or sweatshirts, gloves, hats along with toiletry items including family-size hygiene products and a floor buffer. Also looking for individuals and groups who would be willing to volunteer to prepare meals and/or to do scheduled craft activities with members.

**Dream Come True**, 610-509-4019 (contact Rayann); Gifts for children for Dec. 12 holiday party; Need volunteers to wrap gifts on Dec. 10, 7-10 p.m.

**Easton Area Neighborhood Center**, 610-253-4253 (contact Deborah Brown); Donations of blankets, hats, gloves along with hams, turkeys and non-perishable food items.

**Everlasting Life Ministries**, 610-776-4009 (contact Reverend Gus Al-Khal); Donations of cooked turkeys (in disposable tins), baked goods, money and time to support a community holiday dinner being held Dec. 19. Persons wishing to volunteer at the dinner should arrive by 11 a.m. for the first seating beginning at 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. for the second seating beginning at 3:30 p.m.

**Grace Community Foundation (Food Pantry)**, 610-435-7245 (contact Patty); Donations of non-perishable food items along with baby items such as baby food, diapers and formula.

**Hogar Crea**, 610-866-3442; Donations of toys and clothing for children and women ages 20 through 50. Both new and used items accepted. Also the donation of female personal care items.

**Home Instead Senior Care**, 610-770-7773 (contact Marisa Leaser); Gifts for orphaned and needy seniors in the Lehigh Valley. Take an ornament and purchase a gift listed on the ornament tag. Ornament tags can be found on tree of the lobby at 2200 Avenue A, Bethlehem (site of the American Red Cross of the Greater Lehigh Valley). Gifts with tag to be returned to the American Red Cross office. Looking for names of seniors residing in the Lehigh Valley who could use some holiday cheer.

**Lehigh County Conference of Churches**, 610-433-6421 (contact Ira Faro); Requesting the following adult items: bar soap, blankets, combs, deodorant, female hygiene products, gloves, hand lotion, hats, men's socks, new or clean/used underwear, ponytail holders, razors, scarves, shampoo, shaving cream, small hand towels, toothbrushes, toothpaste. Children: coloring books, crayons, puzzles, etc. Infant/Toddler Items: baby bottles, diapers in sizes 3, 4, and 5 and lotion.

*Note:* J.S. Burkholder Funeral Home, 16<sup>th</sup> and Hamilton Streets, Allentown, is a drop-off point for the above items. Donations may be dropped off Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Contact Sonya Siegfried at J.S. Burkholder Funeral Home with any questions.

**Lehigh County Office of Children and Youth Services**, 610-782-3303 (contact: Sharon); In need of gift cards for teens: Best Buy, Boscov's, Burger King, Circuit City, Kmart, Lehigh Valley Mall, McDonald's, Target, Wal-Mart, area grocery stores and any local movie theaters. Also baby items such as bottles, diapers, newborn clothing, winter blankets and gift certificates from stores where formula may be purchased along with age-appropriate non-violent toys.

**Linkage Street Outreach**, 610-433-6421 (contact Ben Stephens); Requesting donations of long burning candles, outdoor flashlights, battery-powered lanterns, thermal underwear, socks, winter hats and work gloves.

**New Bethany Ministries**, 610-691-5602 (contact Liliana Cuba); Donations of turkeys and food items to fill baskets to be given to families. Donations needed by Dec. 15.

**Northeast Ministries**, 610-691-3355; Donations of coats and gloves for both adults and children.

**Pathways**, 610-439-1368; Donations of deodorant, diapers in sizes 3, 4 and 5, shampoo/conditioner, soap and toothpaste for low-income and homeless families.

**ProJeCt of Easton, Inc.**, 610-258-4361 (contact Stephanie Polak, ext. 20); Donations of work shoes, hooded sweatshirts in sizes large and extra large and socks. Donations of food for the food pantry. Puzzles, games and toys for children ages 6 months to 5 years, children's picture books with audio cassettes and book bags for the literacy program.

**Rejoice**, 610-439-1990 (contact Karen Palonis); Donations of toys, children's clothing, gift cards and items suitable for teens. Contact organization directly and ask for their "wish list."

**Safe Harbor**, 610-258-5540; Call for "wish list" that includes food, clothing, personal care and monetary donations.

**Sixth Street Shelter**, 610-435-1490 (contact Jenny or Marcia); Donations of infant/toddler items such as diapers (large, extra large), food and formula along with household and cleaning supplies and laundry detergent. Contact organization directly and ask for their "wish list."

**Spirit of the Lehigh Valley**, 610-530-4604 (contact George Pitsilos); Volunteers call 610-530-4623. Volunteer your time, talent or treasure to support this event on Dec. 24. New, unwrapped toys may be dropped off at Holiday Inn Fogelsville, Routes 100 & I78, Fogelsville. Especially needed are gifts for older children and teens. Also accepting food donations such as dinner rolls and desserts along with donations of toiletries such as toothbrushes, hats, gloves and scarves.

**Spring Garden Children's Center**, 610-252-0559 (contact Pat Hunter); Donations of dolls, games, puzzles, school items and age-appropriate educational toys for children who attend the center ages 3 months through 10 years of age.

**The Caring Place Youth Development Center**, 610-433-5683 (contact Sally Boyer); Donations of children's coats, hats and gloves along with food and snack items.

**The Salvation Army of Allentown**, 610-432-0129 (contact Major Carol Duperree); Donations of new, unwrapped toys for children 18 years and under needed by Dec. 14. Volunteer bell ringers are also needed. The Angel Tree program allows individuals in the community to help out a specific child with a Christmas wish. Please consider sponsoring an Angel Tree at your worksite, church, etc. Tags list a child, their sex, age, and gift wish. New, unwrapped gifts are brought to The Salvation Army by Dec. 11. Toy or food collections/drives are appreciated as well.

**The Salvation Army of Bethlehem**, 610-867-4681; Donations of non-perishable food items. Donations of diapers, formula, shampoo, soap and toys (infant to age 16). Donations may be dropped off weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at 521 Pembroke Road. Volunteer kettle bell ringers needed along with volunteers for Toys for Tots toy distribution. The Angel Tree program allows individuals in the community to help a specific child with a Christmas wish. Please consider sponsoring an Angel Tree at your worksite, church, etc. Tags list a child, their sex, age, and gift wish. New, unwrapped gifts are brought to The Salvation Army.

**The Salvation Army of Easton**, 610-258-9531; Donations of non-perishable food items especially holiday foods such as cranberry sauce, stuffing, potatoes and juice. Also accepting donations of turkeys and other meats such as frozen or canned hams and chickens. Volunteer kettle bell ringers needed. The Angel Tree program allows individuals in the community to help out a specific child with a Christmas wish. Please consider sponsoring an Angel Tree at your worksite, church, etc. Tags list a child, their sex, age, and gift wish. New, unwrapped gifts are brought to The Salvation Army.

**The Salvation Army of Pen Argyl**, 610-863-6677; Donations of non-perishable food items along with the donation of new toys. Volunteer kettle bell ringers needed. The Angel Tree program allows individuals in the community to help out a specific child with a Christmas wish. Please consider sponsoring an Angel Tree at your worksite, church, etc. Tags list a child, their sex, age, and gift wish. New, unwrapped gifts are brought to The Salvation Army.

**The Salvation Army of Schuylkill and Carbon Counties**, 570-668-0410; Donations of non-perishable food items needed. Sponsors needed for the Angel Tree program. The Angel Tree program allows individuals in the community to help out a specific child with a Christmas wish. Please consider sponsoring an Angel Tree at your worksite, church, etc. Tags list a child, their sex, age, and gift wish. New, unwrapped gifts are brought to The Salvation Army.

**The Third Street Alliance for Women and Children**, 610-258-6271 (contact Emigh Allison); Donations of supplies to support the programs of adult day care, child care, recreation and the homeless shelter for women and children. Call first to determine what donations are needed and accepted.

**Trinity Soup Kitchen**, 610-867-4741, ext. 302 (contact Liz Miller); Donations of boneless hams and cash contributions to be used towards the purchase of Christmas gifts.

**Turning Point of Lehigh Valley**, 610-797-0530 (contact Sandy Hall-Brown); Donations of new gift items for women and children especially for teen boys along with gift certificates for teens and food baskets and food store gift cards for Turning Point's "non-designated gift program" along with donated LANTA bus tickets. Also asking for the donations of new or "like new" twin and double mattress and box spring sets.

**Valley Youth House**, 610-691-1200; Gift cards for teens for bookstores, fast food (McDonald's, Burger King), music (CDs, CD players), batteries, journals and clothing stores (TJ Maxx, Target). Also donations of clothing of hooded sweatshirts and gloves including body sprays.

**Yokefellow Prison Ministry**, 610-395-3613; Signed Christmas greeting cards for the men, women and juveniles at Lehigh County Prison. Deadline: Dec. 15.

**To 'adopt a family or individual,' contact:**

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lehigh Valley**, 610-391-1827, ext. 16; contact Laura.

**Boys and Girls Club of Allentown**, 610-432-9944, contact Deb Fries-Jackson.

**Boys and Girls Club of Easton**, 610-253-5846.

**Camelot for Children**, 610-791-5683, contact JoEllen Moll.

**Daybreak**, 610-820-5049, contact Christine Morrison.

**Easton Area Neighborhood Center**, 610-253-4253.

**Families First**, 610-863-2263.

**Lehigh County Office of Children and Youth Services**, 610-782-3673, contact Sharon.

**New Bethany Ministries**, 610-691-5602, contact Ellen Jacoby.

**Sixth Street Shelter**, 610-435-1490.

**Slater Family Network**, 610-599-7015.

**Spring Garden Children's Center**, 610-252-0559, contact Dottie Nolasco.

**The Caring Place Youth Development Center**, 610-433-5683, contact Sally Boyer.

**The Salvation Army of Allentown**, 610-432-0129, contact Major Carol Duperree; The Adopt-A-Family program is where organizations, groups, or individuals sponsor a disadvantaged family for Christmas. Adopt-A-Family differs from our other Christmas programs because it provides a complete Christmas for the entire family. You are given the first names of all family members, age, sex and clothing sizes, plus a wish list of gifts. You then shop for each member of the family you adopted. The wrapped gifts are returned to The Salvation Army on Dec. 18 and the family comes to pick up their gifts in the afternoon of the same day. Sponsors can also include food for the family's Christmas meal or a grocery store gift card if they are able to do so.

**The Salvation Army of Bethlehem**, 610-867-4681, contact Captains Harry and Madelaine Dwier.

**The Salvation Army of Schuylkill and Carbon Counties**, 570-668-0410, contact Esther or Captains Gary and Joyce Thorton.

**The Salvation Army of Easton**, 610-258-9531.

**The Salvation Army of Pen Argyl**, 610-863-6677.

**Third Street Alliance for Women and Children**, 610-258-6271, contact Emigh Allison.