

## *Some Suggestions of What You Can Do to Fight Hunger Locally During the Thanksgiving & Christmas Season*

Ministries directly of the Presbytery

### *❖ Care Closet Network of the Presbytery of Philadelphia*

**November 21**            Distribution of Thanksgiving Meal Boxes to the Care Closets

**December 19**            Distribution of Christmas Meal Boxes to the Care Closets  
(10am-1pm; at SHARE, 2901 W Hunting Park Avenue, Philadelphia)

Needed: Volunteers to help load turkey dinner fixings into cars of Care Closet coordinators, on these dates. Financial Contributions; each gift of \$30 buys a complete turkey dinner for a family of 4-6! (Checks may be made payable to the “Presbytery of Philadelphia,” with “Hunger Fund/Turkeys” in the memo.)

The Care Closets are 16 church-based food closets of our Presbytery, operating in areas of high need. For more information, or to learn more about the work our Presbytery does through the Care Closets, call Rev. Schaunel Steinnagel, Hunger Action Enabler, 215-242-1400.

- Special Request of the Care Closets: Donations of Toiletries and Toiletry “Kits”!

*Care Closets hosting special meals this season may also need your help:*

Calvin  
1401 N 60<sup>th</sup> Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19151  
215-877-7711

Calvin will be offering a Thanksgiving lunch for the community on **Sunday, November 20** at around noon. If you are interested in helping, please call Louise Price, at the church, on Thursdays (Care Closet distribution day), between 10am and 2pm.

Lombard Central  
4201 Powelton Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
215-222-3044

**Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 24):** Lombard Central is serving Thanksgiving Dinner at **10am**. All are welcome, to come to eat or help! **Christmas Party is Friday, December 23:** Donations of socks, hats, scarves, and gloves are welcome! Questions: Please contact Rev. Anna Grant, Pastor.

Trinity (Kensington)  
2857 Frankford Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19134  
215-739-6829

Trinity hosts a free luncheon the 3rd Saturday of every month at 1pm.

**Saturday, November 19** will be the Thanksgiving Dinner, and **Saturday, December 17** will be the Christmas Dinner! Interested **Volunteers** can contact Closet Coordinator Curtis Glenn ([cglenn2@verizon.net](mailto:cglenn2@verizon.net)).

*Want to know which churches might have Care Closets in your neighborhood?*

*Contact Schaunel Steinnagel, Hunger Action Enabler (215-242-1400, [SSteinnagel@presbyphl.org](mailto:SSteinnagel@presbyphl.org))!*

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Updates to these offerings may be available. Contact Schaunel Steinnagel, 215-242-1400 x308.

### ❖ *Chester Eastside Ministries*

**Gifts**—toys, clothes/gift certificates (stores/grocery stores/etc.)—are needed for the annual children's Christmas party! Please drop off, **before December 12**, to Chester Eastside Ministries, 9<sup>th</sup> & Potter, Chester. Contact Chester Eastside Ministries before bringing your donation, 610-872-4812, x0. For further details, call organizer Anne Pike, 610-566-7145, or at Chester Eastside Ministries, on Mondays, 610-872-4812.

### ❖ *John Gloucester House*

Requests educational toys and sports/recreational toys for 35 children in 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades. Drop off at 2147 Manton Street, Philadelphia, in assistance of this Presbytery ministry serving the Point Breeze neighborhood of Philadelphia. **Deadline: Friday, December 16.** (Christmas Party for students in the afterschool program will be the following week.)

### ❖ *Broad Street Ministry*      *315 S. Broad Street*      *Philadelphia, PA 19107*

**4pm Dinner on Christmas Day (Sunday).** Volunteers needed! Let some of the regular staff have some time off! For details, contact Rev. Erika Funk at Broad Street Ministry, (215) 735-4847, [erika@broadstreetministry.org](mailto:erika@broadstreetministry.org).

On-going Need: The new Choice Market at Broad Street Ministry is a “food closet” that affords families who might otherwise be on the edge of homelessness the dignity of choosing their own food items, rather than receiving a pre-packed bag; they can use both donations and volunteers. If you want to do a food drive, then contact director Mary Lou, [marylou@broadstreetministry.org](mailto:marylou@broadstreetministry.org), to ask what food item(s) are most needed. Volunteers are needed on Tuesdays, Market hours 11am-5pm.

### ❖ *Head Start Learning Tree*

Traditional Centers (695 children): 42<sup>nd</sup> & Girard Location (55 children); 6601 Woodland Avenue Location (110 children); 70<sup>th</sup> & Buist Avenue Location (54 children); 842 S 57<sup>th</sup> Street Location (110 children); 1309 S 33<sup>rd</sup> Street Location (55 children); 1227 N 52<sup>nd</sup> Street Location (55 children); 5843 Spruce Street Location (56 children); 4948 Locust Street Location (36 children); 2411 Dickinson Street Location (18 children); 2147 Manton Street Location (110 children); 5736 Chester Avenue Location (36 children). Collaborative Centers (75 children): 4910 Wyalusing Avenue Location (15 children); 416 Queen Street Location (50 children).

**Collecting coats, hats, gloves, and scarves for the winter months.**

### ❖ *SOLE Fund*

Current desperate need! When it is able to be funded, the Sole Project provides Payless gift cards for people who need assistance to buy shoes. Cards have been provided to Care Closets, churches and organizations with which the Presbytery of Philadelphia partners. Well used, this fund needs replenishing! Please consider making a contribution towards the cost of these gift cards.

(\$15 = children's shoes; \$18 = women's shoes; \$20 = men's shoes.)

Checks may be made payable to the “Presbytery of Philadelphia,” with “SOLE” in the memo.

## ❖ *Advocacy*

At this time of year, we naturally want to do more to help the hungry. Let us take the scope of people's needs seriously, and act to make our communities hunger-free.

1. **Orange Postcard Campaign:** Sign a postcard to Mayor Nutter, saying that people of faith hope that we will see a plan to address growing hunger. Postcards available from Rev. Schaunel Steinnagel, Hunger Action Enabler, as part of an interfaith effort. (Goal: Thousands of cards delivered to Mayor Nutter by Thanksgiving!)
2. **Circle of Protection:** Congress anticipates making big decisions about deficit reduction, this season. By Thanksgiving Eve (November 23), the bipartisan "Super Committee," including Pennsylvania's Senator Patrick Toomey, has a mandate to have produced a deficit reduction bill. Then, by the last weekday before Christmas (December 23), Congress must vote on the Super Committee's bill. Congress has choices about how deficit reduction can be obtained, and we need to remind our representatives of the importance protecting programs that serve the hungry and vulnerable. You can still write a letter to Congress! Sample letter ([www.bread.org/ol/2011/sample-letter.html](http://www.bread.org/ol/2011/sample-letter.html)) and campaign updates ([www.bread.org/hunger/budget/](http://www.bread.org/hunger/budget/)) available from Bread for the World.
3. Want to go to **Washington, DC**? Contact Rev. Schaunel Steinnagel, Hunger Action Enabler, about which months in 2012 we will go!

### Many Partners who Care

## ❖ *Aid for Friends*      *12271 Townsend Road*      *Philadelphia, PA 19154*      *215-464-2224*

1. Volunteer, on a weekly basis, to deliver meals for shut-ins! Volunteer visitors to the isolated homebound are especially needed in Kensington, Frankford, Juniata Park, South and Southwest Philadelphia, North Philadelphia, and Germantown, though volunteers are welcome with Aid for Friends throughout Philadelphia and the surrounding counties, to serve an hour or so each week, in visits to a client/friend.
2. Volunteer drivers are needed to go to all neighborhoods of Philadelphia, especially for emergency deliveries, on an as-needed basis. Call Jeannie at Aid for Friends.
3. Adult volunteers are also needed to help in the warehouse on Thursday and Friday afternoons, even if it's only once per month. Call Aid for Friends.
4. Give a Christmas "Gift of Warmth" for a shut-in! New sheets, towels, washcloths, sweaters, robes, blankets, sweatshirts, and sweatpants will be distributed to clients/friends at the holidays of Christmas (or Chanukah). Mail or drop off donations to Aid for Friends.
5. Youth and others are invited to assemble breakfast bags! Call for details!
6. Additional requests: nutritional drinks such as Ensure and Boost; Depends (larger sizes); Chux (bed pads); or donations towards the cost of buying these items.

More details on Website! [www.aidforfriends.org](http://www.aidforfriends.org).

## ❖ *Ardmore Avenue Community Center*      *122 Ardmore Avenue*      *Ardmore, PA 19003*

Toy Drive: "There Really Is a Santa!" Collecting new, unwrapped toys for children under 12, and gift cards for youth 16 and under. Items can be dropped off at the Ardmore Community Center, Monday to Friday, between 3pm and 9:45pm and Saturdays 10am-5:45pm.

Questions: Please contact Ms. Linda Jackson, Director, 610-896-7256, [ljackson@lowermerion.org](mailto:ljackson@lowermerion.org).

## ❖ *Bethesda Project*      *907 Hamilton Place*      *Philadelphia, PA 19107*

Our Brother's Place is the shelter arm of Bethesda Project (located at 907 Hamilton Place, Philadelphia).

**Christmas:** Meal on December 25 for approximately 200 homeless men served at "Our Brother's Place." Volunteers might help prepare, cook, and/or serve on site.

To volunteer, contact Megan, 215-236-7024 x242, [mmatthews@bethesdaproject.org](mailto:mmatthews@bethesdaproject.org).

Current Winter Needs: New Men's Underwear, both boxers and briefs, in all sizes (M-XXL); Men's Socks and Undershirts, all sizes; Men's Pants; Shirts, Sweaters, Coats; Gloves, Scarves, Hats; Canned Food (for year-round use). No backpacks or side bags needed.

Bethesda Project website: [www.bethesdaproject.org/](http://www.bethesdaproject.org/).

❖ **City Team**

*634 Sproul Street*

*Chester, PA 19013*

Thanksgiving Food Boxes: Deliver food boxes to families in the area on **Saturday, November 19**, in the morning (9am-approximately noon).

Christmas Toy and Food Boxes: Sort and pack toys and/or food boxes for needy families any day, **December 7-14**. (Morning Shift: 9:30-11:30am. Afternoon Shift: 1-3pm.)

Deliver toys and food boxes to families on **Saturday, December 17** (9am-1pm).

To volunteer: Call Paul Homan, Volunteer Coordinator, 610-872-6865 x114, [phoman@cityteam.org](mailto:phoman@cityteam.org).

City Team website: [www.cityteam.org/philadelphia/](http://www.cityteam.org/philadelphia/).

❖ **Greater Philadelphia Coalition Against Hunger** ([www.hungercoalition.org](http://www.hungercoalition.org))

1. Adopt-A-Pantry by going to [www.adoptapantry.org](http://www.adoptapantry.org) and choosing a program to support. Make a one-time or recurring donation to support the good work being done by a local food pantry or soup kitchen. Consider taking the next step and becoming more involved with your adopted program!
2. Walk Against Hunger! Join thousands on Saturday, April 14, 2012 at the Philadelphia Art Museum as we raise funds for local community feeding programs and raise awareness about hunger in our community. To Walk (or Run), Form a Team, or Help Out on Walk Day, contact Kate Brogan at 215-769-0659 x107 or [kbrogan@hungercoalition.org](mailto:kbrogan@hungercoalition.org).

❖ **Hope Prison Ministries**

Call Jerry Cardona at 267-446-5749.

Needs New Toys for 1-10 year old children of incarcerated parents and their neighbors.

Contributions can be mailed to PO Box 661, Blue Bell, PA 19422.

❖ **Interfaith Hospitality Networks**

Requests for assistance from our area Interfaith Hospitality Networks include:

- Ambler: Food donations are welcome at the Interfaith Housing Alliance's food bank in Abington. Located at Holy Trinity Church in Abington. Phone number/directions: [www.i-fha.org/services.html#cupboard](http://www.i-fha.org/services.html#cupboard).
- Delaware County: Gifts for Moms and Dads are welcome! Currently, there are 4 moms and 2 dads staying with the Delaware County IHN. Gift Suggestions include: body wash; razors. Volunteers may be needed, the week of Christmas, since a new church will be doing the hosting of families. Christmas decorations are also welcome! Contact for details: Lorie Ackerman, Director, Delaware County IHN, 610-859-7925, [lackerman@dcihn.org](mailto:lackerman@dcihn.org), office address: 8 Jeffrey Street, Chester, PA 19013.
- Indian Valley: Donations of "practical items," such as paper towels, laundry detergent, etc. are needed during the holiday time and throughout the year. Information about donations: [keystoneopportunity.org/donor-info](http://keystoneopportunity.org/donor-info), or contact Brenda Oelschlager, Development Officer, [boelschlager@keystoneopp.org](mailto:boelschlager@keystoneopp.org).
- Main Line IHN: Serves 3 families at a time. Volunteers can assist the congregations at whose house of worship the families are staying. Call Sue White-Hercheck, Executive Director, 610-277-0977, or e-mail at [ihncares@verizon.net](mailto:ihncares@verizon.net). Also needed: Walmart and Target gift cards, to help families meet special needs, both during the holidays and throughout the year.
- Northwest Philadelphia IHN:
  - **Empty Bowl Dinner**, November 17 at Chestnut Hill College. To learn more about this event: [www.philashelter.org/content/events](http://www.philashelter.org/content/events).
  - To Adopt Families/Provide Christmas Gifts for Alumni Families, it is recommended that a contact person from each interested church get in touch with Neva Pryor, Director of Volunteers and Counseling Services, [neva@philashelter.org](mailto:neva@philashelter.org), who will provide the names of family members and help to coordinate the effort.

(See all of the Interfaith Hospitality Network affiliates in our area:

[www.familypromise.org/?q=content/Pennsylvania](http://www.familypromise.org/?q=content/Pennsylvania).)

❖ *Little Brothers—Friends of the Elderly 642 N Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19130*

**9am-10am, Thanksgiving Day:** Volunteer to visit isolated elderly Philadelphians. Each volunteer will be able to pick which section of the city to visit and will be given a fresh-cooked Thanksgiving meal to bring to their assigned senior citizen. Contact: Volunteer Coordinator, 215-765-8118. *Preferable to sign up by Friday, November 11.* In Philadelphia, Little Brothers—Friends of the Elderly provides companionship to approximately 1,150 elderly, or “old friends.”

❖ *MANNA (Metropolitan Area Neighborhood Nutrition Alliance)*

**Thanksgiving Day**

Drivers are needed on Thanksgiving Day! 10am-12pm.

Call 215-496-2662 x120 and speak with Rob Saxon, Director of Volunteers ([rsaxon@mannapa.org](mailto:rsaxon@mannapa.org)).

MANNA provides home-delivered, medically appropriate meals to people who are at acute nutritional risk from a life-threatening illness. See [www.mannapa.org](http://www.mannapa.org).

❖ *Maternity Care Coalition*

Maternity Care Coalition is dedicated to reducing infant mortality in high-risk communities by encouraging, educating, and empowering pregnant women and their families. See [www.momobile.org](http://www.momobile.org). To Adopt-A-Family/Family Gift Connection: Visit [www.momobile.org/SupportMCC.html](http://www.momobile.org/SupportMCC.html), where you will be able to click on “Family Gift Connection.” Questions: Jodi Watkins, Development Assistant, (215) 972-0700.

❖ *Mercy Hospice 334 S. 13th Street Philadelphia, PA 19107*

Mercy Hospice is a community offering stability, support, and hope to homeless women and children. Needs 5 people for **Thanksgiving** morning to assist with the early meal, and another 2 to assist with the evening meal. **Early Meal:** 4 of the 5 early meal volunteers can be at Mercy by 11:00am, but 1 person is needed to show up early, at 8:30am, to help in the kitchen. The day should be over by approximately 2:00pm. During this time, volunteers will help prepare and serve two separate meals. The first will be for our resident families, those women and children who are currently living at Mercy. After that meal is served and the residents have left the dining room, we will open our doors to welcome women and children currently living on the street or in shelter situations to join us at Mercy, for our second meal. **Evening Meal:** Two people can help serve dinner to the residents at Mercy on Thanksgiving evening. They need to arrive at 4:30 and the shift should be done by approximately 6:30. **Also needed:** Two pineapple upside-down cakes, for Thanksgiving dessert (calling all bakers)! To participate in any of these opportunities: Contact Kristine Jaeger, Mercy Hospice Volunteer and Fundraising Coordinator, [kjaeger@CHS-ADPHILA.ORG](mailto:kjaeger@CHS-ADPHILA.ORG), 215-790-7549.

❖ *PathWays PA*

Adopt a family this holiday season! To provide gifts, new toys and basic necessities to a needy family, contact Pam Przybylski, 610-543-5022 x234, [pprzybylski@pathwayspa.org](mailto:pprzybylski@pathwayspa.org).

PathWays PA ([www.pathwayspa.org/](http://www.pathwayspa.org/)) helps women, children and families who are on public assistance find meaningful work and become self-sufficient. Families often stay 18-36 months. Christmas is an especially needy time because families cannot afford to buy gifts.

❖ *People’s Emergency Center*

Holiday drive for homeless families. Please deliver new and unwrapped gifts **between December 5 and 19** to Gloria’s Place building, 3902 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday. Wrapping paper, ribbons, and bows welcome with donations. Gift cards for teens also welcome. Mothers will choose and wrap gifts for their children. For additional information, please contact Grace Hightower, Donations Coordinator, 215-382-7523 x232, [ghightower@pec-cares.org](mailto:ghightower@pec-cares.org).

## ❖ *Philabundance*

Philabundance ([www.philabundance.org](http://www.philabundance.org)) presents opportunities to **donate food or money, volunteer time, and become more acquainted with hunger in the Delaware Valley.**

No specific holiday opportunities, but opportunities throughout the year.

To get involved: [www.philabundance.org/take-action/get-involved/](http://www.philabundance.org/take-action/get-involved/).

## ❖ *Philadelphia Cares*

Visit [www.philacares.com](http://www.philacares.com), where you will be able to participate in a 10-minute volunteer orientation on-line. After that, you will be able to find volunteer opportunities from throughout the area on the monthly calendar, posted at [www.philacares.com/volunteer/monthly/calglance.htm](http://www.philacares.com/volunteer/monthly/calglance.htm).

Specific needs and appropriate contact people for each volunteer project are provided on the calendar.

## ❖ *Philadelphia Unemployment Project*      *112 N Broad Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Philadelphia, PA 215-557-0822*

Philadelphia Unemployment Project will again hold a toy drive for families with a parent who is receiving Unemployment Insurance. Unless Congress acts before December 31, the Emergency Unemployment Compensation program will end. This means that worker's benefits will be reduced from 93 weeks to 26 weeks. This will impact the benefits of 75,000 Pennsylvanians and millions in our nation. Unemployment is still officially 9% in the nation and 11.5% in Philadelphia. Until jobs are available, we need to maintain extended benefits for the victims of the recession. Meanwhile, gifts may make things a little easier for the children.

### *Drop-Off Locations:*

- *Philadelphia Unemployment Project (112 N Broad Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Philadelphia)*
- *1<sup>st</sup> Corinthian Baptist Church (51<sup>st</sup> & Pine Streets, Philadelphia)*
- *Restoration Unitarian Church (6900 Stenton Avenue, Philadelphia)*
- *Philadelphia Council AFL-CIO (22 S 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Philadelphia)*
- *1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church of Olney (3<sup>rd</sup> & Tabor Roads, Philadelphia)*
- *Pick-Up also available. Call 215-557-0822.*

## ❖ *Presbyterian Children's Village*      *452 South Roberts Road*      *Rosemont, PA 19010*

Each year the Village seeks donations of Christmas gifts for our children and families, as well as assistance in preparing for this joyous time of year that is also a time of hardship and stress for so many families. There are a variety of wish lists and special projects ([www.pcv.org/docs/wl\\_sp.html](http://www.pcv.org/docs/wl_sp.html)). Donors may choose to give gifts to an individual child, adopt a family in need, adopt a cottage (similar gifts for 10 residents), and/or provide household necessities for teens in transition or families in need. There is a Christmas Wish List with suggestions for gifts for at-risk children both at the Rosemont Campus and in the Greater Philadelphia Community. No time to shop? Consider a gift of cash to help with emergency expenses for our families. There are also broader needs of families and homes. How else can you help? For more information, email [Christmas@pcv.org](mailto:Christmas@pcv.org) or call 610-519-1615.

**Please deliver new, unwrapped gifts between November 28 and December 16.**

## ❖ *Project HOME*      *1515 Fairmount Avenue*      *Philadelphia, PA 19130*

Project HOME ([www.projecthome.org](http://www.projecthome.org)) invites you to help fill **Thanksgiving baskets!**

Turkey dinner baskets will be provided to about 750 families connected to Project HOME and/or the Project HOME neighborhood. Donations will enable homeless individuals and low-income families within the Project HOME community to have a hearty holiday meal.

Please be sure to include the following in your family Thanksgiving basket(s):

***15-pound turkey (wrapped or sealed in plastic); 4 cans of various seasonal vegetables; 2 boxes of stuffing mix; 5-pound bag of potatoes; 2 cans of cranberry sauce; 2 jars of apple sauce; 1 jar of gravy; dinner rolls; 1 non-frozen pie; any family favorites or additional creative submissions!***

Baskets may be dropped off, the Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday before Thanksgiving:

**November 21, 22, or 23.**

Call first, to make a drop-off appointment: Carly Ianuzzi, Volunteer Coordinator,

[CarlyIanuzzi@projecthome.org](mailto:CarlyIanuzzi@projecthome.org), 215-232-4786 x3015.

Baskets should be marked "Outreach." Drop off to Project HOME headquarters, 1515 Fairmount Avenue, Philadelphia.

## ❖ *Red Cross*

The Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Red Cross will hold a party for 500 guests (children and their families) at the Loews Hotel, and donations of new toys for gifts are welcome! There is a toy collection bin at the Southeastern Pennsylvania American Red Cross, 23rd and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia. Families invited to attend have received services from the Red Cross and may have been temporarily or permanently displaced as a direct result of a disaster. Further details are at the webpage of the American Red Cross, Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter: [www.redcrossphilly.org](http://www.redcrossphilly.org). For questions, please contact 215-299-5491. Katerina Koperna, Director of Special Events.

## ❖ *Salvation Army*

*701 N Broad Street*

*Philadelphia, PA 19123*

### Available Programs

1. **Adopt-A-Family Program:** Families who have experienced a traumatic experience in the last 6 months have wish lists that an individual or a group can agree to help fill, with the request that wish lists be met with the commitment of allocating items worth at least \$100/member of the family in need.
2. **Angel Tree Program:** Purchase gifts for children (aged infant-14 years), with a commitment that the gifts are each of a value of approximately \$15.
3. **Stocking Drive:** Fill a Christmas stocking, as many as you can, and specify the age and sex of a child (aged infant-14 years) that it is for!

Call for details: Les Richardson, 215-787-2818.

The Salvation Army of Greater Philadelphia website:

[www.use.salvationarmy.org/use/www\\_use\\_philadelphiadhq.nsf/](http://www.use.salvationarmy.org/use/www_use_philadelphiadhq.nsf/).

## ❖ *SHARE*

*2901 W Hunting Park Avenue*

*Philadelphia, PA 19129*

SHARE, Self Help and Resource Exchange, (see [www.sharefoodprogram.org](http://www.sharefoodprogram.org)) empowers people to make a positive difference in their lives and those of their neighbors by linking individuals and community resources. People can purchase food packages worth \$40-\$45 for only two hours of community service and the cost of the package. SHARE is open to everyone—there are no restrictions! SHARE works because of its high level of participation, its devoted volunteers, and its dedicated host sites. With the holidays approaching, there is nothing more heartening than families working together, not only with each other, but with other families and friends, as well. Helping others is always an important outreach, but it becomes especially crucial at holiday time, when there are so many families that might go without food, especially a wonderful holiday dinner.

**November and December volunteer opportunities** include bagging of fruits and vegetables for boxes of groceries, helping to give out food on distribution dates, and distributing turkeys and turkey dinners to customers.

**November Bagging Dates:** November 12, 14, 15, 16.

**November Distribution Dates:** November 17, 18, 19, 21, 22.

**December Bagging Dates:** December 10, 12, 13, 14.

**December Distribution Dates:** December 15, 16, 17, 19, 20.

To volunteer at SHARE, please visit the SHARE website, to complete the Sign-Up form:

[www.sharefoodprogram.org/volunteer.asp](http://www.sharefoodprogram.org/volunteer.asp).

## ❖ *Sunday Breakfast Mission 302 N 13<sup>th</sup> Street*

*Philadelphia, PA 19107*

1. **Thanksgiving Volunteers:** All of the slots for serving meals on Thanksgiving Day are filled. **Limited numbers of people are still needed** for lunch (12pm-1pm) and dinner (6pm-7pm) on both **Friday (November 25) and Saturday (November 26) after Thanksgiving**. If you would like to know if there is still a need for assistance on either of these days, please contact Bethany Flood, Volunteer Coordinator, 215-922-6400 x109, [bflood@sundaybreakfast.org](mailto:bflood@sundaybreakfast.org). (Make sure to speak with Bethany before coming.)
2. **Christmas Volunteers:** Helpers still needed at the Christmas Day meal, 10am-2pm. Call Bethany Flood.
3. **Donations Welcome!** Financial contributions; food; underwear (XXL); t-shirts (XXL); socks.

❖ *Triumphant Faith International Worship Center 5316 Rising Sun Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19120*

**Thanksgiving:** Food Drive, for distribution on **Saturday, November 19**. Triumphant Faith has a goal for this Thanksgiving season to feed 400 families. This can only be achieved through broad-spread help, such as donations of turkeys and canned goods. For further information, please call 215-324-7376.

**Christmas:** Volunteers Needed. Christmas Worship Concert Gala, **December 11:** 2-4pm Dinner; 5:30pm Worship/Concert. 400 people to be served for dinner.

❖ *True Vine Church Community 4610 Devereaux Street Philadelphia, PA*

Through this church in the lower Northeastern section of Philadelphia, **donations of both turkeys and accompanying fixings** will be made available to families in need and people who are on the edge of homelessness. Last year, the community was served with 12 dinners. This year, the goal is 20 or more. Drop-off of contributions is welcome. Pick-up is also available. Contact Luis Sanchez, Assistant Pastor, 215-717-7362. Learn more about True Vine: [www.blessphiladelphia.com](http://www.blessphiladelphia.com).

❖ *United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania*

Many Thanksgiving and Christmas opportunities! Search under location and/or keyword for postings of a variety of opportunities. [liveuniteddelval.volunteermatch.org](http://liveuniteddelval.volunteermatch.org)

## ❖ *Welcome Church*

Rev. Violet Little of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is the installed pastor of the “Welcome Church,” providing outreach, visitation, pastoral care, and opportunities for worship to people who are homeless in and around Philadelphia. A new but growing ministry presents several opportunities—

- A Worship Service, to which people who are homeless and people with homes are invited, alike, is the “*Church at Logan Circle*,” on the final Sunday of every month. Join us in worship at 3pm at Logan Circle (on the north end, close to the Free Library), on **Sunday, November 27 and/or Sunday, December 25**. All services include preaching of the Word, prayers, and Holy Communion.
- “*Welcome Home Kits*” for homeless people moving into housing, who have little else in the way of housing goods with which to get started, are continuously needed! Congregations and others are invited to put together Welcome Home Kits! When complete, please contact Rev. Schaunel Steinnagel, Hunger Action Enabler ([SSteinnagel@presbyphl.org](mailto:SSteinnagel@presbyphl.org)). As often as possible, we try to arrange for a caseworker from the City of Philadelphia or from Project HOME to pick up and deliver the Welcome Home Kit. Welcome Home Kits should include— (the following is a general list of suggestions/guidelines, for you are welcome to include additional items, or those items that make sense to you).

### *Welcome Home Kits*

Dishes: set of 4-8, including glasses

Utensils: set of 4-8

Pots/pans: 2 frying pans, 2 pots, 1 soup pot

Dish towels/dish cloths

Bath towels/wash cloths (4 each)

Bed linens (queen size): 2 sets (fitted & flat) + 1 blanket

Pillows: 2 (new)

Toiletries; Shower curtain/liner

Bathroom accessories

Waste baskets: 2 & 1 garbage pail

Ice cube trays: 2

Plastic food storage containers

- The *Welcome Center*, located at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Communion, 2111 Sansom Street, Philadelphia, provides broad hospitality to homeless people on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. Indeed, “Welcome Church” grew out of the Welcome Center! **Friday, December 16** is the Christmas Party! Dinner will be served, and gift bags will be distributed to all guests! Donations needed for gift bags. **Please donate items by December 14, come help pack gift bags on December 15 (time to be announced), and/or help distribute gift bags on December 16.** Requested items include: hats; gloves; scarves; underwear; socks; personal items. To sign up, get more details, and/or suggest another idea of how you might like to help the Welcome Center (e.g. items to donate; times to serve), please contact the Stevens Center Office, 215-567-3668.

## ❖ *Whosoever Gospel Mission*

*101 E Chelton Avenue*

*Philadelphia, PA 19144*

Especially Needed: Donations of small items for gifts for men; and donations of toys for toy give-away. December 20 (Tuesday) & December 21 (Wednesday): Help men, who are served by Whosoever Gospel Mission, to “shop” for toys for their own children and wrap the gifts, at the Toy Give-Away. To sign-up, contact Executive Director Bob Emberger, 215-438-2094 x102. Additional Needs: [www.whosoevergospel.org/wp/index.php/financial-donations/current-needs/](http://www.whosoevergospel.org/wp/index.php/financial-donations/current-needs/).

## ❖ *Women Against Abuse*

Holiday Gift Drive. Goods and toys may be donated at either of two drop-off locations:

Church of the Holy Trinity, 1904 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, on Saturday, December 10, 11am-4pm;  
*or* Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, 1530 N 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, on Tuesday, December 13,  
10am-3:30pm (no appointment otherwise necessary).

Wish Lists for Mothers, Children and Teens, and Families are available:

[www.womenagainstabuse.org/index.php/donate/holiday-wish-list/](http://www.womenagainstabuse.org/index.php/donate/holiday-wish-list/).

Children and mothers in WAA's emergency shelter will visit the Holiday Gift Shop to pick out a gift for their loved one. Children and women in the shelter often must arrive with few belongings.

Alternatively, another project is the Adopt-A-Family Program, providing gifts for families in WAA's Aftercare Program, families who have survived domestic violence and are now receiving follow-up care. For details on Adopting a Family, e-mail Carrie Lutjens, [clutjens@womenagainstabuse.org](mailto:clutjens@womenagainstabuse.org).

Finally, gift cards are welcome in support of both of these projects; gift cards may be mailed to the WAA Business Office: 100 S Broad Street, Suite 1341, Philadelphia, PA 19110.