



Advent 2024

Giving to Those In Need
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- 1. Take ornaments** from the Advent Giving Tree (St. Nicholas, North Alcove)
- 2. Donations & gift cards:**
 - **Drop in collection basket** at either church **by Dec. 15th.**
 - Use **envelope provided.**
 - **Do not leave** under the tree, please.
 - **Mark dollar amount** on gift cards.
- 3. Leave requested items under the tree** (St. Nicholas Church, North Alcove).
 - **Deadline:** no later than Sunday, December 15 at 1:30pm.
 - **Attach the paper ornament** (or label items) to ensure gifts reach the right home.
 - **Do NOT gift-wrap**, please.

To help sort (Sunday, Dec. 15, 1:30pm)

To help deliver (Sunday, Dec. 15 and/or Monday, Dec. 16)

Contact Judy judyborchers@me.com or Margaret marg.feitclarke@gmail.com

Where your gifts go...

Asylum Seekers Ministry:

For basic needs of migrant families being accompanied by our parish Support Groups.

Needs: \$25 Target gift cards or donations through parish Pushpay.

Bethany House:

Transitional housing and accompaniment for young immigrant women and their children

Needs: \$25 gift cards (Amazon, Target or Ross).

Childcare Network of Evanston:

Ensures every child in Evanston has access to quality early education.

Needs: \$25 gift cards (Target, Walmart, Visa) - or donations in any amount online.

Centro Romero:

Helps migrants achieve self-sufficiency through legal, educational, and family support.

Needs: \$25 Target gift cards + Christmas card to a youth. Drop both in the collection basket. Donations can also be made to "Youth Program": centroromero.org/donations/

Curt's Café:

Improves outcomes for young adults living in at-risk situations through work and life-skills training.

Needs: \$10 or \$25 gift cards (Target, Walgreens, Walmart, Jewel).

Family Promise: Helps unhoused families regain stability.

Needs: Twin bed sheets (solid color) and comforters (solid or character-themed for kids); gift cards for kids' activity (\$20 for AMC movie theater; \$25 for Kids' Empire Evanston; \$20 for Jump Zone Niles; or other); gift cards (TJ Maxx, Marshalls, Old Navy, Target).

Haiti Support - Gaskov Clerge Foundation:

Promotes health, sports, education and sciences in Haiti and the U.S. - including through scholarships and preventive health care.

Needs: Donations: Gaskov.org/join-donate



Harbour House: Provides emergency housing and services to youth experiencing homelessness to promote their safety, stability and personal growth.

Needs: \$25 gift cards (Target, Walmart, Uber).

Howard & Evanston Community Center: Provides affordable and free education, employment and health assistance for the greater Rogers Park and Evanston area.

Needs: \$25 gift cards (Walgreen's, Jewel, Walmart, Target) or [donations on-line](#).

Interfaith Action of Evanston: Brings people together to serve hungry and homeless people, pursue interfaith dialogue, engage in advocacy that promotes social justice for those we serve.

Needs: \$10 or \$25 gift cards (CVS, Dollar Store, Target, Walgreens)

warm **socks and gloves**; small collapsible **umbrellas**; **earbuds** for cell phones.

Checks to: Interfaith Action of Evanston, P.O. Box 1414, Evanston 60204.

Kovler Center: Provides survivors of torture with opportunities to heal...and rebuild their lives.

Needs: New/gently used **winter jackets** (men and women), **boots, hats, scarves, gloves, hand warmers**; **hygiene kits:** deodorant, soap, washcloth, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, small laundry detergent packets or bottle (**packed in a ziplock**).

Kolbe House Jail Ministry: Helping those recently returning from incarceration.

Needs: \$10-50 Target or Walmart gift cards; and/ or **men's winter coats** (L-5XL), **boxers/briefs** (XL); **men's** (XL) **sweatshirts** (L and XL); **hoodies** (L); **backpacks**.

Little Brothers, Friends of the Elderly: Offers services to elderly in need.

Needs: individually wrapped **chocolates** such as Dove, Lindt, Ghiardelli; small **bottles of liquid Tide**; small **liquid hand soap**.

Rice Center's Lydia Home, Evanston: Residential trauma treatment center...helping children and families stabilize, gain skills, work toward transitioning to a home environment.

Needs: \$15 Target and Amazon gift cards.

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Provides food & financial aid to neighbors in need.

Needs: Gift cards (Jewel, Target, Food 4 Less, Valli, Aldi). **Donations** through the parish's Pushpay or **checks** to St. John XXIII, St. Vincent de Paul in memo line.

Solidarity Bridge: In partnership with medical communities of Bolivia and Paraguay, increases access to safe, essential, and timely surgical care.

Needs: Donations by check or at solidaritybridge.org

Soup Kitchen Ministries of StJ23 Parish: The parish provides the meal at two soup kitchens sponsored by Interfaith Action of Evanston. To volunteer kshharris@gmail.com (Thursdays at First United Methodist) or alroman@archchicago.org (Mondays at Second Baptist).

Needs: Duro brown paper "lunch" bags, (8# Kraft Bags, 500 ct); **foil sheets**, (9" x 10.75" - 500 ct); **Ziploc Easy-Open Tab sandwich bags** (580 ct.); Full Size **Aluminum Steam Table Pans**; **granola bars**; **\$25+ gift cards** for **Sam's Club** (for purchasing ingredients).

Vital Bridges of Heartland Alliance: Helps people living with HIV/AIDS.

Needs: personal toiletry items (shampoo, et al); **household cleaning products**; and/or **paper products** (toilet paper, kleenex and paper towels).

The Women's Center:

Crisis pregnancy center offering support and resources to women and their families.

Needs: \$25 gift cards (Visa, Jewel, Walmart).