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Charitable Giving

GUIDE TO OPPORTUNITIES

2023



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Stuff the Bus Food Drive

Mission: WSUS, WNNJ, WHCY, and ShopRite Team Up in the 16th Annual Stuff the Bus Food Drive to Battle Hunger in Sussex County. Donations benefit the Sussex County Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services' Food Pantry and will be distributed to Sussex County residents in need.

Contact: wsus1023.iheart.com/calendar/content/2023-11-11-stuff-the-bus-2023/

Greatest need: Juice, canned goods, peanut butter, granola bars, pasta, mac & cheese, rice, shelf stable milk, cereal, oatmeal.

Drop off: Radio talents from 102.3 WSUS, 103.7 WNNJ and 106.3 The Bear will be on-site at Lakeland Bank on Friday; the Franklin, Sparta, and Sussex ShopRite locations on Saturday; and the Byram, Newton, and Sussex ShopRite locations on Sunday.

Friday, November 17, 2023, from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

- Lakeland Bank, 7 Town Center Drive, Sparta

Saturday, November 18, 2023, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

- ShopRite of Byram, 90-80 Route 206 North, Byram Township, NJ
- ShopRite of Franklin, 270 Route 23, Franklin, NJ
- ShopRite of Newton, 127 Water Street (Route 206), Newton, NJ
- ShopRite of Sparta, 18 North Village Boulevard, Sparta, NJ
- ShopRite of Sussex, 1 Wiebel Plaza, Sussex, NJ

Sunday, November 19, 2023, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- ShopRite of Byram, 90-80 Route 206 North, Byram Township, NJ
- ShopRite of Franklin, 270 Route 23, Franklin, NJ
- ShopRite of Newton, 127 Water Street (Route 206), Newton, NJ
- ShopRite of Sparta, 18 North Village Boulevard, Sparta, NJ
- ShopRite of Sussex, 1 Wiebel Plaza, Sussex, NJ

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Benny's Bodega

Mission: A storefront run by volunteers, open five days a week that provides hard working, struggling families with basic needs items, free of charge.

Contact: Benny & Heather Davey at bennysbodega@gmail.com

Greatest need: Walmart and Shoprite gift cards, laundry soap, dish soap, shampoo, conditioner, body wash.

Drop off: 166 Spring Street, Newton or monetary donations at <https://www.bennysbodega.com/>

Deadline: Donations are appreciated and accepted anytime.

Birth Haven Inc.

Mission: Birth Haven is an independent, non-profit organization that provides shelter support and education for homeless, pregnant women and girls.

Contact: Tina Magarino, Executive Director at Tina@birthhaven.org.

Greatest need: ShopRite, Walmart, Marshall's, Amazon, and Home Goods gift cards.

Drop off: 4 Academy Street, Newton or at <https://birthhaven.org/>

Deadline: Ongoing.

Center for Prevention & Counseling

Mission: To promote health, hope, and recovery among all people by fostering a community in which individuals and families thrive.

Contact: Shannon Derstine, 908-795-882 or shannon@centerforprevention.org

Greatest need: Personal care and clothing items for program participants: shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, toothbrush, razors, feminine products, socks, underwear, plain t-shirts, sweatpants, and sweatshirts.

Drop off: Our office at 61 Spring St., Newton; the Sussex County Recovery Community Center at 65 Newton Sparta Rd., Newton; or at <https://www.classy.org/give/467690/#!/donation/checkout>

Deadline: Ongoing.



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DASI

Mission: To provide comprehensive services to individuals impacted by domestic violence, sexual violence, stalking, and human trafficking. We hold ourselves accountable in our work to dismantle the unique barriers faced by survivors, to confront systemic injustice, and to drive social change. We engage in transformative practices and aspire to create a strong, empathetic, healthy, and supportive community free of power-based violence. We strive to empower survivors, to create physical, emotional, and psychological safety, and to recognize the fundamental value and dignity of all.

Contact: Kim Prentiss, prentiss@dasi.org

Greatest need: Twin comforters, deodorant, adult body lotion, hand lotion, and lip balm; Children and Infant shampoo, body wash, and lotions for our Safe House. Online donations are always welcomed at <https://dasi.org/>

Deadline: Ongoing.

Family Promise of Sussex County

Contact: Suzanne Streeter at ssreeter@familypromisesussex.org

Greatest need: **New** coats, hats, gloves, scarves, blankets, and toiletries.

Drop off: 19 Church Street, Newton or use our DreamList at www.dreamlist.com/list/5s2m5aeksedsqddzs2rlf1qtsa and items will ship direct to us.

Deadline: Ongoing.

Farmside Landscape & Design

Supporting: Benny's Bodega for the month of November as our crews close out their season. We have been so encouraged by the organization's commitment to the community, we wanted to find a way to help continue their great work in Sussex County.

Mission: Their mission is simply to help people. The Bodega operates with no government funding, their doors stay open and shelved are stocked by donation. Their target population is the A.L.I.C.E (Asset limited, income constrained, employed) population, the people working hard but not making enough to get by, while simultaneously making too much to receive any government assistance.

Contact: emily@farmside.com or call 973-875-7200.

Greatest need: perishable and nonperishable food, hygiene supplies, cleaning supplies, baby supplies, and winter coats.

Drop off: at Farmside Landscape, 12 Kuperus Lane, Wantage, or we would be overjoyed to schedule a pickup.

Deadline: November 30.



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Foodshed Alliance

Mission: Strengthen sustainable farming, increase access to local, healthy food, and protect the environment for all members of our communities.

Contact: Tess Mullen, 732-804-5011, TessM@FoodshedAlliance.org

Greatest need: Support a self-sustaining local food system by using the Foodshed Alliance Gift Catalog for your holiday giving. All gifts represent and support the work that the Foodshed Alliance does year-round. If you'd like, we will email you a Certificate for each gift, which you can print and give to your honored loved one or friend.

Drop off: <https://foodshed-alliance.square.site/>

Deadline: December 22 by 3pm to receive a certificate for your gift's recipient in time for Christmas.

Franklin Mutual Insurance's Customer Service Department

Supports: "Sandyston Has Heart." We donate to Sandyston Has Heart in lieu of gift exchanges and donate to a child and family in need, especially during the Holidays.

Contact: <https://www.facebook.com/donate/2070687843284314/>

Greatest need: Cash, check (made payable to STHS) or gift card (Shop-Rite, Weis, Walmart, K-Mart). Donations will be distributed by the nurse at the Sandyston-Walpack School for distribution to needy Sandyston families and to the St. Thomas the Apostle Church Food Pantry.

Drop off: Sandyston Township Municipal Building (9 am to 2 pm, Monday-Friday). When you make a donation, a paper heart with your family or business name will hang in the lobby of the municipal building.

Deadline: December 22.

Newton Medical Center Foundation, Atlantic Health System

Mission: Newton Medical Center Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Newton Medical Center, exists to serve the present and future health and wellness needs of our community and beyond.

Contact: Stephen Flynn, Foundation Director, 973-579-8309, Stephen.Flynn@atlanticealth.org

Greatest need: Newton Medical Center Foundation is raising critical funds to benefit the Your Care Our Future Campaign, supporting three key facility projects: a new Behavioral Health Patient Unit in the Emergency Department, a newly redesigned and enhanced Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and Maternity Department Transformation. To learn more, please visit Newton Medical Center Foundation - Atlantic Health.

Drop off: Newton Medical Center Foundation, 175 High St. Newton, or <https://www.atlanticealth.org/about-us/foundations-auxiliaries/newton-foundation/online-donation.html>

Deadline: Ongoing.



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Middleton Insurance

Supporting: Stuff the Bus – benefiting the Sussex County Food Pantry.

Contact: Dawn at 973-383-5525 or dawnL@middletonins.com

Greatest need: Peanut butter, canned foods including: soup, fruit, vegetables, stew, tuna, beans, along with pasta, rice, sauce, gravy, other non-perishable items, as well as Monetary donations

Drop off: Middleton Insurance, 186 Halsey Road, Newton.

Deadline: November 17.

Middleton Insurance

Supporting: Norwescap.

Contact: Dawn at 973-383-5525 or dawnL@middletonins.com

Greatest need: Diapers (all sizes), baby wipes, formula, baby food, toys, games, monetary donations.

Drop off: Middleton Insurance, 186 Halsey Road, Newton.

Deadline: December 14.

RoNetco Supermarkets, Inc.

Mission: To care deeply about people, helping them to eat well and be happy.

Supporting: Stuff the Bus Event for Sussex County Social Services Food Pantry.

Contact: Kelsey Anderson 973-927-8300 ext. 335 & Allison Ryan ext. 332.

Greatest need: Non-perishable food.

Drop off: In-store donation boxes or directly to the buses on-site on Saturday, 11/18 and Sunday, 11/19 at ShopRites of Byram, Newton, Sparta, Sussex, and Franklin.

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Sandyston Township Committee

Supporting: "Sandyston Has Heart" with the Sandyston-Walpack Consolidated School and the Sandyston Township Historical Society.

Contact: Amy 973-948-3520 x200.

Greatest need: Cash or check donation (made payable to STHS) or gift cards from Shop-Rite, Weis, Walmart, or K-Mart.

Drop off: Sandyston Township Municipal Building (9 am to 2 pm, Monday – Friday). When you make the donation, a paper heart with your family or business name will be created and this heart will hang in the lobby of the municipal building. Donations will be distributed by the Sandyston-Walpack School nurse to Sandyston Township families in need. We will also use donations toward the St. Thomas the Apostle Church Food Pantry.

Deadline: December 22.

Sojihuggles Children's Foundation

Contact: T Love, 973-300-9878.

Greatest need: Funds to subsidize the cost of mental health therapy sessions for underinsured children in Sussex County. All funds go to care and are matched.

Drop off: Sojihuggles Children's Foundation, 4 Hidden Valley Road, Newton or www.Sojikids.org

Deadline: Ongoing.

Sussex County Association of REALTORS®

Supporting: The Weekend Bag Program and Connect for Community.

Contact: Emily Bowden (973) 383-3949 or emily@scarnj.com

Greatest need: Pasta, pasta sauce (no glass please), canned veggies, fruit cup, apple sauce, box cereal, water, juice box, Gatorade, shaving cream, razors, shampoo & conditioner, toothpaste & toothbrushes, soap, body wash, deodorant, feminine products.

Drop off: Participating REALTOR® offices, the SCAR Office at 351 Sparta Ave., Suite 101 Sparta, or <https://sussexcountyassociationofrealtorsnewjersey.growthzoneapp.com/ap/donate/nPewwbra>

Deadline: Campaign ends December 8th, but appeal is ongoing.

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Sussex County Habitat for Humanity

Mission: Seeking to put God's love into action, HFH brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope.

Contact: Pam Vreeland at 201-317-9883.

Greatest need: Repair ministry annual campaign fund drive; monetary donations of any size.

Drop off: www.sussexcountyhfh.org

Deadline: Ongoing.

Tamerlaine Sanctuary & Preserve

Mission: Caring for abused and neglected farm animals; educating about animal protection and environmental ethics; and advocating for a compassionate society.

Contact: Chrissy Romeo, Development Manager, chrissy@tamerlaine.org, 917-697-4513.

Greatest need: Wet cat food, cat litter, towels, fitted twin sheets, blankets, pumpkins, produce, straw bales, gift cards, monetary donations.

Drop off: 141 Clove Road, Montague or <https://tamerlaine.org/>

Deadline: Ongoing.

Wantage Township

Supporting: Project Self-Sufficiency.

Contact: Michael Restel, Township Administrator.

Greatest need: New, unwrapped toys.

Drop off: Wantage Township Building, 888 State Highway 23, Wantage.

Deadline: Starts Monday, November 27.



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The Weekend Bag Program Inc.

Mission: Fighting to end juvenile food insufficiency over the weekend where it is most needed in our communities. We are continuing to provide for students where the free assisted meal programs don't reach.

Contact: President Olivia and Vice President Magdalen (833)543-7224 or <https://weekendbagsprogram.com>

Greatest need: Food items (no glass) such as pasta sauce, pasta, Chef Boyardee canned pasta meals, soup, cereal, granola bars, mac and cheese, tuna, water, Gatorade, juice drinks, fruit cups, canned vegetables, ramen. Hygiene items needed: laundry soap pods, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, pocket tissues, single roll toilet paper.

Drop off: The Weekend Bag Office, 28 Trinity Street, Newton. Financial donations can be made to The Weekend Bag Program Inc, PO Box 205, Andover or at <https://weekendbagsprogram.com/>

Deadline: Ongoing.

Winter4Kids

Mission: Through winter and summer activities, participating youth develop better attitudes about Self, Health, Opportunities, Mastery, and the Outdoors.

Contact: information@winter4kids.org or 973-846-8250

Greatest need: Financial donations requested.

Drop off: At Winter4Kids, 44 Breakneck Road Vernon or <https://www.winter4kids.org/support-us/>

Deadline: Ongoing.

