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Bread for Life's mission is to provide food, fellowship and a sense of dignity to those in need. Bread for Life provides 36,000 meals annually through: a weekday food kitchen providing a hot lunch and take home cold meal; a delivery program to senior housing communities; hot meal service to homebound friends; a summer meal program for children who otherwise have no food; partnership with the public school system's breakfast program; and collaboration with social agencies and faith-based communities.

Wishes: Contact Bread for Life for additional information.

Volunteer Opportunities: Bread for Life has regular volunteers.

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Bristol Adult Resource Center

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The mission of the Bristol Adult Resource Center is to advocate personal growth and community inclusion for all they serve. BARC serves individuals with developmental disabilities in the Greater Bristol area. BARC supports individuals in vocational programs such as the greenhouse, candy kitchen, dining room restaurant, yard service and work activity program. In addition, BARC assists several adults with developmental disabilities in their own homes.

Wishes:

- Kitchen cabinets for our Peck Lane group home.
- Shelves in manager's office (Supported Employment).
- Sensory items/Tactile items for Residential group homes.
- New phone system for Lake Avenue location.
- Better lighting in foyer of The Hidden Café.
- Backpack blower and weed whacker.
- Dishwasher
- Carpet for main office at Jerome Avenue
- Push mower
- New sinks/counters at Jerome Avenue

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Facebook: Bristol Family Resource Centers

Bristol Family Resource Centers are located in 3 of the largest and highest need schools (Greene-Hills, South Side and West Bristol). We provide a host of services/programs for students and families that changes their lives for the better. Our services include parenting education, home-visiting, positive youth development, resources (food/clothing/assistance with a bill), and linkage to appropriate community services. We are available before school, during school and afterschool to support our youth and families.

Wishes:

- Monetary donations to support our programs
- Campership Donation to send a youth to camp/join a sport program/go on fieldtrip
- Student Sponsors to provide holiday gifts/back to school clothes/winter clothing etc.
- Art & Craft supplies (paper, glue, feathers, googly eyes, paint, glitter, pom-poms, etc.)
- Healthy snacks/bottled water/coffee/food for events preferably individually packaged
- Chapter Books in like new condition for grades 4-8

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Bristol Preschool Child Care Center began in preschool education in 1971. We are a non-profit organization funded by the State of Connecticut, Office of Early Childhood and United Way. We are a School Readiness Program and are accredited by the NAEYC. Bristol Preschool Child Care Center is a full year educationally based program offering an extended day program.

Our mission is to provide early care and education to children to assist in their healthy, emotional, social, mental and physical development for lifelong learning.

Wishes:

- Gift cards to Amazon for Teaching Supplies (always needed in the classrooms!!)
- Children's Books
- Hand Sanitizer
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Face Masks - Children and Adult sizes
- Gift Cards for Staples for office supplies
- 2-3 Four-drawer Filing Cabinets
- Lighting Elements/Floor Lamps

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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF BRISTOL**

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The mission of the Boys & Girls Club of Bristol Family Center is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, caring and responsible members of citizens. The Club serves between 750 to 1,000 youth each day at 12 different locations in our community.

Wishes:

- Art & Craft supplies (crayons, markers, paper, glue, creative materials, etc.)
- Foam dodgeballs
- Basketballs
- Board Games
- Non-perishable healthy snacks
- Monetary donations to support operations

Volunteer Needs:

The Club relies on the support from many volunteers to mentor and guide our members. To read about our volunteer opportunities, visit www.bbgc.org/volunteer.

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Burlington Food & Fuel Bank

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The Burlington Food & Fuel Bank helps Burlington residents, both elderly and families, in need of energy and food assistance through the organization's Energy Program, its food pantry and its Mobile Foodshare truck. The Food & Fuel Bank has assisted up to 67 families and elderly residents in any given year. During the holidays the Food & Fuel Bank distributes food baskets and gifts for children whose families are in need of help.

Wishes:

- Non-perishable food items, especially breakfast foods, cans of stews, tuna, tomato sauce, peanut butter and jelly/jam and any item that can be considered a meal or can easily be made into a meal.
- Toiletries (soap, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, etc.)
- Monetary donations (used for the energy assistance program)
- Gift cards (grocery stores, Walmart, Target, etc.) to help families and elderly residents purchase food and other necessities

Volunteer Opportunities: Burlington Food & Fuel Bank has regular volunteers, including ones who deliver food to residents who are unable to leave their homes.

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BURLINGTON LIBRARY
ASSOCIATION
"Friends of the Library"

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The Burlington Library Association, Inc. is a local non-profit organization that has supported the Burlington Public Library for over 50 years. We help the library fund services that would otherwise not be funded; and, we rely on many additional volunteers throughout the year to help with special projects.

We raise money by holding an annual membership drive, fundraisers and book sales. Donations and time spent volunteering by the members of the Burlington Library Association are instrumental to the Library's vision to improve the quality of life for all Burlington residents.

Wishes: Donations of used or like-new items for the book sale may be dropped off directly at the Burlington Public Library. Monetary donations to help fund library services are greatly appreciated and may be made online at <http://www.friendsburlib.org/donations.htm>

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteer help is needed throughout the year and the time commitment is very flexible. Opportunities include: sorting used book donations, working book sale shifts, managing online book sales through Amazon, baking cookies or casseroles, staffing events like Tavern Day or Summer Reading Kickoff, contributing to Facebook content, marketing, and our annual membership letter campaign. If you are interested, please email Kristen at kristen.williams@me.com.

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ECCS

**Early Childhood Collaborative
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The Early Childhood Collaborative of Southington is a group of committed educators, parents, grandparents, healthcare and childcare providers, business owners, civic organizations and members of the community who are deeply invested in the growth, development and academic success of young children in Southington. The Collaborative's mission is that "all Southington children are healthy and prepared for school." ECCS is dedicated to three goals: 1) Advocating for high quality preschool and childcare; 2) Empowering parents and families through workshops and educational programs; and 3) Being a wide-ranging resource for community members on the subject of early childhood care and education.

Wishes:

- Monetary gifts towards the operations of the organization
- In-kind printing/copying services or use of a large commercial copier
- Gift cards to grocery stores for refreshments and supplies for our events
- Gift cards for Staples for office supplies and printing

Volunteer opportunities:

- Board members with expertise/experience in legal issues, fundraising or event planning
- Volunteer with computer skills who can help maintain contact lists and databases
- Volunteers who can assist with staffing events

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Environmental Learning Centers of Connecticut, Inc.

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The Environmental Learning Centers of Connecticut (ELCCT) mission is to inspire the appreciation and enjoyment of nature, through education and conservation, fostering a healthy environment and an improved quality of life. ELCCT offers a diversity of outdoor, hands-on experiential programs to children and families using a variety of live animals, resources and facilities. Programs are offered at the Barnes Nature Center, Indian Rock Nature Preserve and in the schools of Connecticut. About 25,000 people, primarily children, are reached annually through school programs, Indian Rock Summer Camp, public programs and special events. After School programs, scholarships to summer camp and other specially designed programs focus on supporting children at or below the poverty level.

Little Wishes:

- Binoculars, Spotting Scopes
- Reptile lighting- 50, 75 and 100 Watt heat bulbs
- Live Mealworms and live Crickets to feed our reptiles and amphibians
- Gift cards to Stop and Shop, Tractor Supply, Back to Basics, Pet Supplies Plus, Etc.
- Digital cameras of any type for nature photography classes
- Hand tools for carpentry, mechanical work and landscaping, materials for pasture fence expansion or gift cards to Home Depot, Staples, etc.
- Display cases
- Light weight aluminum folding tables, folding or stackable chairs in good condition
- Canoes, kayaks, fishing poles and other outdoor recreational equipment.

Big Wishes:

- Dump truck with plow
- Passenger van
- Backhoe attachment for John Deere Tractor
- Chicken wagon (portable chicken coop)
- Hand held gps units for land management work.

Volunteer opportunities:

- ELCCT is in search of volunteers experienced in apple orchard management to help manage an orchard of 100 trees.
- In addition, we are looking for volunteers to help digitize and archive maps and records.
- Other volunteer opportunities include "sanctuary cleanup days", gardening, orchard work, fence painting and construction, general painting and maintenance, animal care, greeting and assisting visitors at Barnes Nature Center, office work, trail work, exhibit design, etc.

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For Goodness Sake provides direct aid, such as furniture and household goods, to individuals and families making the transition to independent living. With compassion rooted in human dignity, our work transforms empty living spaces into homes.

Wishes:

- Microwaves
- Toasters
- Coffee makers
- Pillows
- Cleaning supplies
- Furniture
- Other household items

Volunteer Wishes:

- Weekend volunteers to sort goods, assist clients, and make deliveries and pickups

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Girl Scouts of Connecticut is nearly 33,000 members strong – over 22,000 girls and 11,000 adults – who believe that every girl can change the world.

We're part of a sisterhood of 2.5 million strong around the globe – 1.7 million girls and 750,000 adults who believe in the power of every G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)[™] to change the world.

Our extraordinary journey began more than 100 years ago with the original G.I.R.L., Juliette Gordon "Daisy" Low. On March 12, 1912, in Savannah, Georgia, she organized the very first Girl Scout troop. Since that date, we've honored Juliette's vision and legacy, building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. As the preeminent leadership development organization for girls, we offer every girl a chance to practice a lifetime of leadership, adventure, and success.

To volunteer, reconnect, donate, or join, visit gsofct.org.

Wishes:

- Archery equipment, including bows, arrows, and wrist guards
- Cleaning equipment (brooms/dustpans)
- Indoor equipment and supplies (6'-8' plastic foldable tables, stackable chairs, wired shelves on wheels, dehumidifiers [30 pint or larger], runner rugs [4'x20'], coffee/hot water urns)
- Camp cots and mattresses (waterproof and stain resistant)
- Outdoor equipment and supplies (hoses, pop-up tents, fire brooms, shovels, etc.)
- Camp bunk beds with safety rails
- 40' Storage container
- 12'x16' or 16'x30' Shed
- Heavy equipment (tractor or mini excavator) or all-terrain vehicles that can be used to transport
- Wood chips and/or road materials
- Tree service for camp properties

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A Museum Early Learning Center

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Imagine Nation, A Museum Early Learning Center, a network of the Boys & Girls Club of Bristol combines an interactive museum environment with an innovative preschool program in order to create one of the most creative and highly effective early learning centers in the Northeastern portion of America. We serve 126 children a day in our innovative NAEYC accredited, Reggio-Emilia inspired preschool program targeting children 6 weeks through 5 years old. Children and families statewide annually visit the Museum Studios that foster fun and feature focused learning activities for children generally between the ages of 2 to 8 years old.

We are committed to the development of inquisitive and imaginative life-long learners. Our unique environment inspires young children and families to investigate tangible, interactive learning experiences. The Imagine Nation community encourages and supports curiosity, critical thinking, creativity, confidence and citizenship.

Wishes:

- Gift cards for supplies are always very helpful. Some of our most frequently visited supply stores include: Walmart, Michael's, Jo-Ann Fabrics, Price Chopper, Stop & Shop, Home Depot, ShopRite, Hobby Lobby, Petco, Pet Supplies Plus, Staples, and Christmas Tree Shops
- Monetary donations for the feed and care of the large variety of animals in our Wildlife Studio
- Art Supplies (colored pencils, glue, crayons, reams of printing paper (8 ½ x 11), construction paper, corks, yarn, buttons, bottle caps, washable magic markers, clay tools and supplies
- Small appliances for our Take Apart Station in the Design & Engineering Studio
- Forever Stamps

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LISA, Inc. is a non-profit organization with locations in Meriden, Plainville, and Southington. Our mission is to provide safe, supportive, empowering programs that build skills, awaken hope for the future, and help young people successfully transition into adulthood. We offer independent living programs, a new experiential Life Skills Academy, leadership programs, and group interventions. LISA, Inc. serves ethnically diverse young people from all socioeconomic backgrounds throughout Connecticut. We specialize in providing services that are trauma-informed and gender responsive.

Wishes (our young people are between the ages of 14-23; with most being 17-19):

- Welcome bags/baskets for new residents (hygiene items, snacks, comfort items)
- Twin and Full size bedding (sheets, blankets, comforters, pillows)
- Laptop computers and TVs (new or refurbished)
- Winter wear for young men and women - hats, coats and gloves
- Gym memberships, movie tickets, amusement park passes and yoga classes (in Meriden, Plainville, Southington areas)
- Gift cards for grocery stores (Aldi, shop rite), fast food (Subway, DD, McDonalds) and local gas stations
- School supplies
- Household items (toilet paper, bath towels, shower curtain liners, plungers, irons, clear plastic storage bins with tops)
- Portable fans
- Cleaning supplies (paper towels, vacuums, mops, brooms, wipes, cleaners)

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Meals for Neighbors

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We assist those in need with a multitude of services - soup kitchen, food pantry, holiday meals, school supplies, warm clothing. Meals for Neighbors serves several thousand people per year, and operates a four-evening per week soup kitchen (the oldest soup kitchen in Bristol).

Wishes:

- Nonperishable food, kitchen supplies (such as bread bags, parchment paper), small denomination gift cards (for grocery stores), and personal hygiene products (such as toothpaste, deodorant, body soap).

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The mission of Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters is to provide children in need with outstanding mentors who help them reach their highest potential. Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters serves children aged 6-15 from 132 towns and cities in Connecticut, including Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott. Annually, they serve over 1,400 youth. “Bigs” and “Littles” are matched together to form meaningful relationships based on location, interests and suitability. The “Bigs” and “Littles” focus on having fun and sharing in-common passions for 6-10 hours a month for one year.

Volunteer Opportunities: Adult volunteers (age 21+) who are committed to making a difference in the life of a child are needed. Volunteers go through a screening and training process before dedicating themselves to mentoring a youth for 6-10 hours per month for one year. All matches are professionally supported and past youth development experience is not required – Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters just want volunteers that are interested in making a big difference!

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The Nutmeg Symphony Orchestra, through the power of music, energizes, inspires and educates our communities, which include Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth and Wolcott. Nutmeg Symphony Orchestra holds an annual series of concerts as well as annual educational children's concerts for third graders in the communities it serves.

Wishes:

- In-kind printing services
- Video cameras
- Donated website assistance of professional quality
- Office supplies and postage stamps.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Board members with expertise/experience in fundraising, marketing and event planning.

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Parent & Child Center at Bristol Youth & Community Services

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The Parent and Child Center is dedicated to helping families provide a safe, nurturing and stimulating environment for their children to live and grow. The Center works to increase public awareness about child safety, community resources, and family life through events, workshops, mentoring and referrals while collaborating with service providers to sustain ongoing agency networking, ensuring that the needs of every family are met and child abuse and neglect are prevented.

The Center supports parents and their children and serves around 550 families with children every year. Programs include Family Life Works Parenting 101, Case Management Services, Positive Parenting, Family Wellness, Parenting Survival Support, Grandparent and Co-parenting classes, Full Circle: Support for Dads and our diaper bank: Caring Closet.

Wishes:

- Diapers (size 3-6), wipes, baby food, toddler snacks, baby wash, baby shampoo, children's underwear
- Children's Potty Chairs
- Adult hygiene products
- Gift cards for families (to grocery stores, Walmart or Target)
- Arts and craft supplies
- Gift cards for food for classes

Volunteer Opportunities: The Parent & Child Center has regular volunteer opportunities.

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The Plainville Community Food Pantry, Inc.

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The Plainville Community Food Pantry is a non-profit outreach agency that provides food, energy assistance, clothing, crisis intervention and referral services to individuals in need. The Plainville Community Food services over 1,300 households and runs various programs, including Emergency Energy Assistance, Holiday Baskets, Back-to-School, Cooking Classes, Bread Distribution and it is a regional hosting site for WIC.

On behalf of the Plainville Community Board of Directors, Clients, Staff and Volunteers we would like to thank you for your ongoing support. You can also stop by the Pantry with your donation for a tour of our newly organized facility.

Wishes:

- **Food Items**, such as: Chunky Soups/Ramen Noodle Soups; Pasta Sides Pouches/Rice Sides Pouches; Au Gratin/Scalloped Potatoes; Coffee/Tea; Pasta Sauce; Peanut Butter/Jelly; Canned Pasta- Ravioli- Spaghetti; Juices Boxes; Turkey Gravy/Cranberry Sauce/Stuffing; Hamburger helper; Canned Hash/Chicken/Tuna; Canned Fruit/Apple Sauce; Cereal/Instant Oatmeal/Maple Syrup; Canned Carrots/Beets; Baked Beans; Ketchup/Relish/Mustard/Mayonnaise
- **Non-Food Items**, such as: Dish Soap; Laundry Detergent; Shampoo/Conditioner; Cleaning Products; Deodorant/Bath Soap; Individual Wrapped Toilet Paper; Individual Wrapped Paper Towels; Tampons/Maxi/Mini Pads
- **Gnazzo's Gift Cards:** To be used to purchase Items throughout the year
- **Various gift cards** for older children at the holidays

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The Plymouth Community Food Pantry provides food and referrals to those in need. We are dedicated to working in and with our community to end hunger, its causes and effects.

Wishes:

- Monetary donations allow us to continue to purchase food items from the Connecticut Food Bank. This purchasing power is integral to our success, because we can purchase large quantities of food at a much lower cost than the general public. For this reason, we encourage monetary donations. Five dollars may mean two or three items at the grocery store, but translates into two or three-hundred items the way we use it.

Big Wish:

- Stainless Steel Shelving Units

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteering can take different forms:

- You may volunteer to stock the shelves or you may want to hold a food drive, do a neighborhood collection or host a dinner party to raise funds for the pantry. Your imagination is the limit and we are here to help you.
- We are always looking for volunteers to stock the shelves. Any age or skill level is welcome. No special training or skills are required. The times we need volunteers are as follows: Mondays 2-3pm, Every other Wednesday 12 noon - 3pm, Fridays 9-12 noon and the first Wednesday of each month from 4:30-5:30pm.

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Prudence Crandall Center is dedicated to helping individuals achieve lives free of domestic violence by providing care, advocacy, support, and education. Over 8,000 individuals from the Greater New Britain area are served annually. Programs and initiatives at Prudence Crandall Center include a 24 hour crisis hotline, emergency shelter, permanent and transitional supportive housing, individual and group counseling for children and adults, court advocacy, prevention education and community outreach.

Wishes:

- Gift cards (grocery stores, Walmart, Target, gas)
- Bus passes
- Twin sheet & comforter sets
- Pillows
- Towels sets
- Household cleaning supplies
- Laundry detergent
- Household paper goods
- Pajamas (women & children/teens)
- Socks & underwear (women & children/teens)

*Please note: all items must be new & unused

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Salvation Army

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The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church and its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs without discrimination. Whether it's embracing the homeless, uplifting the abused or abandoned, training and mentoring the disadvantaged, providing character building programs for youth, or assisting the displaced or elderly, the Salvation Army's goal remains the same: serving the most people, meeting the most needs, doing the most good!

In Bristol, the Salvation Army operates several programs including the CAM Academy – Creative Arts and Music Program and a soup kitchen.

Wishes:

- Plastic or Styrofoam to-go containers, ideally 3-compartment (9" or larger)
- Soup containers w/lids (any size)
- Cases of water bottles; 12 cases per week needed on average
- Bags of sandwich bread
- Individually wrapped snacks of any kind for bagged lunches (cookies, multi-pack chip bags, Jello, crackers, fruit cups, granola bars, string cheese, pudding, etc.)
- Disposable masks
- Plastic utensils
- Aluminum foil/Saran Wrap
- Sandwich bags
- New Pots and Pans for Soup Kitchen
- Metal carts to use for Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen donations (Ideal type: 500 pounds or more weight bearing, 2 level stainless steel)

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Friends of Sessions Woods serves all individuals and works to enhance and encourage the public use and awareness of Sessions Woods. The organization runs wildlife educational programs, creates and maintains indoor and outdoor wildlife exhibits and makes habitat enhancements within Sessions Woods.

Wishes:

- Laptop, compact LCD, SmartBoard, video production
- New taxidermy mounts
- Outdoor pop-up tents
- Lightweight folding tables
- Rolling bins/carts for outreach materials
- Megaphone; handheld radios
- Large coolers.

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St. Vincent DePaul Mission of Bristol

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St. Vincent DePaul Mission of Bristol operates in Bristol: a 25-bed Bristol Homeless Shelter for men, women and children that provides food, shelter, case management and referrals to other services. We also operate a 15 bed Overflow Shelter during the winter months.

Wishes:

- 1) Bus tokens
- 2) Bath Towels
- 3) Twin bedding, including blankets and pillows
- 4) Washers, dryers
- 5) Bed bug proof twin mattresses
- 6) Gift cards (grocery, Wal-Mart)
- 7) Micro-waves, toasters
- 8) Silverware, plates and bowls
- 9) 30+ chairs for our dining room
- 10) Large freezers, refrigerators
- 11) Paper towels and toilet paper

Volunteer Opportunities:

- 1) Facility Greeters and Miscellaneous Office Tasks
- 2) Can Inventory Control
- 3) Winter Overflow Shelter Monitor Aides

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SHEPARD MEADOWS
EQUESTRIAN CENTER, INC.
WITH HORSES, MAKING FORWARD STRIDES

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The mission of Shepard Meadows is to support the growth and wellbeing of all individuals, including those with special needs, by providing Equine Assisted Therapies (EAAT) in a safe, caring and professional environment.

Wishes:

- For the Horses:
 - Gently used tack
 - Sheets and blankets
 - Saddles
- For the Farm:
 - Chainsaw
 - Lawnmower
 - Power Washer
- For the Office:
 - Vacuum Cleaner
 - Large flat-screen monitor
 - Refurbished laptop

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers are needed for horse care, barn help and events among other things.

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Southington Community Cultural Arts (SoCCA) strives to create a unique environment in which people of all ages and abilities can have a place to create, exhibit and welcome the arts into their lives. The 10,000 square foot Arts Center offers a variety of classes that include pottery, painting, drawing, music, weaving and jewelry making. The space is also used by various civic groups and organizations for meetings and workshops. One of SoCCA's most successful programs is the All Access program which teaches creative work skills to adults with disabilities and provides opportunities for them to sell their products in SoCCA's gift store and at other venues.

Wishes:

- A safe and happy holiday for everyone and peace on earth
- Monetary donations
- Masks for use by public
- Antibacterial wipes
- Acrylic and tempera Paint
- Artist Canvasses any size up to 16"x20"
- Newsprint rolls

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Board members with expertise/experience in fundraising, marketing and event planning.
- Committee and special event volunteers
- Gift Store retail clerk

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Southington Community YMCA

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The Southington Community YMCA is a powerful association of men, women, and children of all ages and from all walks of life joined together by a shared passion to strengthen the foundations of community. With the commitment to nurture the potential of kids, promote healthy living, and foster a sense of social responsibility, the Y ensures that every individual has access to the essentials to learn, grow, and thrive. Anchored in it more than 9,000 members and 700 volunteers, the Y has the long-standing relationships and physical presence not just to promise, but to deliver, lasting personal and social change.

Wishes: Monetary gifts for the Y's Annual Campaign go directly to make YMCA programs and memberships available to those in need. Financial assistance keeps the Y available for kids and families who need us most. Capital Campaign gifts are being requested for the Save Sloper Pond project at YMCA Camp Sloper to dredge the pond and make environmental and programmatic improvements to the facility.

Volunteer Opportunities: Committee volunteers, program volunteers, policy volunteers and special event volunteers.

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UWWCC advances the common good by creating lasting changes to improve lives by focusing on education, income, and health in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville and Plymouth.

Wishes: We are in need of toys and gifts to support the United Way's Joy of Sharing Holiday Toy and Gift Drive. Our goal is to collect over 3,000 toys to be distributed to less fortunate children ages 3 to 14 who reside in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville and Plymouth. We accept new, unwrapped toys or gifts. We have difficulty in particular in securing enough gifts for the older children ages 8-14.

2020 Donation Information: You may drop off your donations at the United Way of West Central Connecticut located at 440 North Main Street, Executive Suites in Bristol. Collection dates are Thursday, December 3rd; Friday, December 4th; Monday, December 7th; and Tuesday, December 8th between the hours of 9:00am to 4:00pm.

When you arrive at the United Way office, please pull up to the tent. A staff member or volunteer will unload the toys from your vehicle. If another car is ahead of you, please wait inside of your vehicle until you are able to pull up. Please call 860-582-9559 if you have any questions.

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Veterans Strong Community Center is a regional information and resource center for Veterans, Service Members and Families, regardless of discharge status of branch/component. We are accepting donations of non-perishable food and basic needs items for our Food Pantry. For a complete list of wish items, please visit our Online Wishlist (address provided above).

Wishes:

- Food pantry items, such as canned proteins, breakfast foods, peanut-butter, jelly and other nonperishable items
- Grocery or Gas Gift Cards
- 10 Ride Bus Passes (can be purchased at Stop & Shop)
- Cleaning Supplies/Laundry and Paper Products/Toilet Paper
- Basic need items such as shampoo/conditioner, shaving cream, mouthwash, baby wipes, hand-warmers, and feminine products

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Wheeler Clinic, founded in 1968, is an independent, not-for-profit, community-based organization that provides a comprehensive continuum of mental health and substance abuse recovery services, primary care, special education, child welfare, early childhood, community justice, foster care, employee assistance, and prevention and wellness programs.

Wishes:

- Gifts and gift cards for children and adolescents
- Gift cards and tickets for local entertainment venues, including movie theaters, sporting events, plays, etc. for children in congregate or foster care
- New sporting equipment
- Basic care items for families.

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