



A Community Wish List

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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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BARC

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:

- Shelves in Manager's office (Supported Employment)
- Sensory items / Tactile items for Residential group homes
- Better lighting in foyer of The Hidden Café
- Backpack blower and weed whacker
- Push mower
- Carpet for main office at Jerome Avenue
- New bathroom at Lake Avenue

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Facebook: Bristol Family Resource Centers

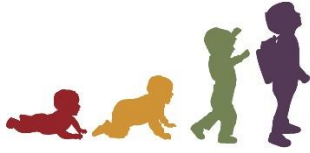
Bristol Family Resource Centers are located in 3 of the largest and highest need schools (Greene-Hills, South Side and West Bristol). We provide a host of services/programs for students and families that changes their lives for the better. Our services include parenting education, home-visiting, positive 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 CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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Bristol Child Development Center, Inc. first opened its doors in 1971. We are a Nationally Accredited, non-profit, childcare program funded through the State of Connecticut Office of Early Childhood. We serve over 200 students, ages 12 weeks through 10 years of age in two locations: 291 Burlington Avenue, Bristol, Connecticut, and 339 West Street, Bristol, Connecticut. Our program is based on the premise that each child has the inherent right to develop the skills necessary to be a lifelong learner, and stimulates thinking and expression, exploration, and curiosity. Our mission is to provide early care and education for children from birth to age five to foster a healthy, social, emotional, mental, cognitive, and physical development that builds a foundation and a love for lifelong learning.

Wishes:

- Gift Cards to Amazon, Walmart, Target, Staples, or stores that can provide teaching supplies or supplies for children.
- Books for children under 5
- Toys and furniture for children under 5
- Outdoor equipment and toys for children under 5
- Cleaning Supplies – Lysol Wipes, Sanitizer
- Gently used office furniture, such as desks, chairs, file-cabinets and book-cases

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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 600 to 1,000 youth each day at 13 different locations in our community.

Current needs and wishes can be found here:

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/3FV80Y4SKG6QG/guest-view>

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

To learn more about other ways to support the largest youth operation in Bristol, please reach out to Jon Rulkowski. We have a number of sponsorship opportunities and way to support such as [Monthly Giving](#), gifts to [Honor & Memorialize](#) a loved one or honor a mentor, and [One-Time Donations](#).

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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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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
of Southington**

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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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Girl Scouts of Connecticut is more than 27,000 members strong – over 18,000 youth and 9,000 adults - who believe that every girl can change the world.

Girl Scouts bring their dreams to life and work together to build a better world. Girl Scouts of all backgrounds and abilities are unapologetically themselves as they discover their strengths and rise to meet new challenges – whether they want to climb to the top of a tree or the top of their class, lace up their boots for a hike or advocate for climate justice, or make their first best friends. Backed by trusted adult volunteers, mentors, and millions of alums, Girl Scouts lead the way as they find their voices and make changes that affect the issues most important to them.

Our extraordinary journey began more than 100 years ago with 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 gsocct.org.

Wishes:

Gifts of Time

- Volunteer adult facilitators to lead children’s events.
- Adult volunteers able to assist with seasonal activities, lead a Girl Scout troop, or assist an existing troop in the community.
- Electrical and plumbing services.

Gifts of Space

- Meeting spaces for Girl Scout troops (can hold 15-20 people, have restroom facilities, and two entrances and exits).
- Larger meeting space, for occasional use, for a minimum of 60 guests; space can be indoors or a sheltered outdoor space.

Big Wishes

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- Locked shelved storage cabinets.
- Solar panels with installation.
- Gas-powered golf carts.

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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 a 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 education learning workshops and events for children generally between the ages of 2 to 8 years old.

Imagine Nation is committed to the development of inquisitive and imaginative life-long learning in a diverse and joyful school community that encourages curiosity, critical thinking, creativity, confidence, and citizenship. We invest in children and families by offering affordable and accessible educational programs that support social, intellectual, and physical development. A unique interactive environment inspires young children to investigate authentic, relevant, and tangible learning experiences that provide a foundation to future success.

Wishes:

- Gift cards to support our education programs. Some of our most frequently visited supply stores include: Aldi, 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 gifts to support the operation of our organization
- Monetary donations or purchase items through our [Amazon Wishlist](#) for the feed and care of the large variety of animals in our Wildlife Studio
- Art Supplies: colored pencils, glue, crayons, construction paper, yarn, buttons, clay tools, colored cardstock, tissue paper, watercolor tubes and canvas boards.
- White reams of printing paper (8.5 x 11)
- Forever Stamps

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Community Solutions, Inc. (CSI) is a nonprofit organization that promotes self-reliance, responsibility and accountability for at-risk and disadvantaged youth and adults. Since 1962, Community Solutions has specialized in reintegrating offenders into the community. CSI offers community-based services and programs that are incorporated into an overall continuum of services and risk management strategies. CSI offers a portfolio of services to thousands of youth and adults in 11 states and in Canada, referred through contracts with federal, state, and local juvenile and adult criminal justice systems, and social service agencies.

Our Connecticut residential programs are located in Plainville, Meriden, Hartford, Bloomfield, and Waterbury. Our community-based programs are based in Torrington, Danbury, New London, Norwich, and Bridgeport.

In January 2020, Community Solutions, Inc. merged with LISA, Inc., another highly regarded nonprofit that provided safe, supportive, and empowering programs to youth in state custody to help them successfully transition into adulthood. LISA, Inc. is now the youth division of CSI and still operates two residential youth programs in Plainville and Meriden.

Wishes for our male and female clients ages 17 and up include:

- Hygiene/ personal care items (shampoo, conditioner, soap, razors, lotions, combs, shower caps, socks)
- Household items (toilet paper, bath towels, wash cloths, shower curtain liners, plungers, irons, clear plastic storage bins with tops, picture frames)
- Twin- and Full-size bedding (sheets, blankets, comforters, pillows)
- Laptop computers and TVs (new or refurbished)
- Winter wear for men and women (hats, coats, boots, and gloves)
- Gift cards for grocery stores, fast food, (Subway, DD, McDonalds) and local gas stations
- Cleaning supplies (paper towels, vacuums, mops, brooms, wipes, cleaners)

Donate from a distance through our Amazon Wish List at:

<https://csi-online.org/about-us/donation-opportunities/>

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Contact: Morgan Urgo

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The New England Carousel Museum is dedicated to the acquisition, restoration, and preservation of operating carousels and carousel memorabilia and the creation of new carousel material, for the education and pleasure of the general public.

The Museum of Fire History is dedicated to preserving the firefighting legacy of Carlyle "Hap" Barnes. The Museum is dedicated to Hap's passion for collecting firefighting equipment and memorabilia and educating the public about fire safety and advancements in firefighting technology.

Wish List:

The following items are being requested for the Restoration Department to ensure the safety and security of our staff:

- Two - Automatic Lift Electric Cable Hoist with Wireless Remote Control 110v Overhead Crane Garage Ceiling Pulley Winch with Towing Strap Sling, Electric Wire Rope Hoist, 38ft Lift Height (Amazon - \$289.99)
- Two - Haul-Master 1000lb Capacity Hydraulic Table Cart (Harbor Freight - \$349.99)
- One - Tivoli 5ft. 2 ft. Aluminum Platform Ladder (Zoro - \$200.43)

Volunteer Opportunities: Contact Elizabeth Mazzone @ (860) 585-5411, ext 102 for information about museum volunteers, program volunteers, restoration volunteers and Museum Docent volunteers.

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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.

Hours of Operation

Food Pantry

Mondays & Wednesdays 10-10:30am Curbside Pick Up

Tuesdays & Thursdays 10-10:30am In person Shopping (please wear a mask indoors)

Soup Kitchen Dinners (Starting Jun 6, 2022)

Mondays & Tuesdays 4:30-5:15pm

Free Clothing

Mondays-Thursdays 9:30am-12:30pm

Donations welcomed Mondays-Thursdays 10:30am-12:30pm

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).
- Gift cards to Roots, Aldi, Price Chopper, etc.

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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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Contact: Marshall Brown

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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
- Donated Office supplies and Postage Stamps
- Monetary Donations

Volunteer Opportunities:

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

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Parent and 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 and 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 any person in need. Clients may shop, pick up curbside or have their order delivered (if homebound). All options are by appointment. Simply call our number and leave a clear message, stating your name and phone number. Your call will be returned ASAP to set up a time to shop. Or you may go to our website and complete an online order form. Once submitted, we will call you to set up an appointment.

Wishes:

- **Monetary Donations:** We have established relations with the Connecticut Foodshare and other wholesale distributors in our area. These relationships have provided us with the purchasing power to obtain fresh dairy, produce, meats, poultry, and fish at very reasonable prices. Your dollars will go further with our purchasing power.
- **Gift Cards:** Denominations of \$25 or \$50 enable us to help new clients get back on their feet and assist residents who have hit bumps in the road. Cards from Adams Hometown Market have proved to be of great benefit because they are a local store, and many clients do not have transportation. However, we have also found gift cards from large grocery stores and clothing stores to be of use too.
- **Nonperishable Foods:** We post a list of the top five nonperishable item in need on our Facebook page and our website.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Guiding shoppers through the Pantry, delivering orders to homebound clients, shop for households that pick-up curbside and stock shelves

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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)
- Sandwich bags
- Aluminum Foil/Saran Wrap
- Plastic Utensils
- 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.)
- Donations to support weekly food and supplies orders placed with Shoprite
- Disposable masks
- 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)
- Monetary donations for costumes, music materials, transportation expenses and healthy dinners for low-income youth participating in the Creative Arts and Music (CAM) Academy
- Monetary donations for Youth Mentorship Program for teens 13-19 years old
- Building/Renovations
 - Parking Lot - Support to paint lines in newly paved parking lot
 - Dining Room Renovation – Support for wall replacement/painting, new windows, new flooring

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

Wishes:

For the Horses: Monetary donations to purchase hay @ \$10.00 per bale or consider an automatic monthly donation of \$10.00 per month. Our horses eat 10 bales per day! Donate via PayPal on our website, www.shepardmeadows.org

For the Farm:

- Gift cards from Home Depot or True Value
- Garden Tools
- Workshop Tools
- Weed Whacker

For the Office:

- Smart TV Screen for our conference room
- Vacuum Cleaner – we get lots of mud in the farmhouse!
- Gift cards to Amazon or Staples

*Monetary Donations to support our operations: Click on the DONATE button on our website www.shepardmeadows.org

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers are needed for horse care, barn help and events among other things. Board Members with expertise in development/fundraising and or marketing.

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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 mission-driven 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 8,000 members and 500 volunteers, the Y has the long-standing relationships and physical presence not just to promise, but to deliver, lasting personal and social change.

Wishes: Our largest priority right now is the YMCA Camp Sloper Capital Campaign helping to fund the Save Sloper Pond dredging project, build new bathrooms, changing rooms, an additional pavilion, splash pad and upgrade our current infrastructure. Additionally, 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.

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:

- **Year Round:**
 - New or gently used children's books for our "Appetite For Reading" program.
 - Gift Cards-Let us do the shopping for you! We always have a need.
 - Raffle donations (Theme baskets or items) for our Community Builder's Reception, Annual Golf Tournament and Senior Health and Wellness event.
- **June, July and August:**
 - "Adopt A Child" program. New back packs and school supplies for students ages Kindergarten-8th Grade.
- **First two weeks in November:**
 - "Joy of Sharing Food" program. Non-perishable food, paper goods, hygiene items, and cleaning supplies.
 - "Joy of Sharing Toys" program. New, unwrapped toys for children ages 3-14, with a special need for the 10-14 age group.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for our Annual Day of Caring and other events. Your support allows us to continue our mission of ensuring the health, education, and financial stability of the members of the communities we serve.

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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. At this time, due to limited storage space, VSCC is no longer accepting non-perishable food or basic needs/cleaning supplies donations. We are providing our Veterans in need with grocery store gift cards and bus passes. For a complete list of wish items, please visit our Online Wishlist (address provided above).

Wishes:

- Grocery or Gas Gift Cards
- 10 Ride Bus Passes (can be purchased at Stop & Shop)

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**Wheeler Clinic, Inc.**

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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 for Northwest Village School
- Basic care items for families
- Funding for educational field trips for Northwest Village School

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