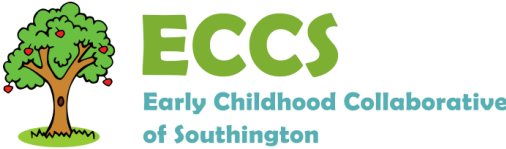




A Community Wish List

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So no one goes hungry.

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The mission of Bread For Life is to provide food, fellowship and a sense of dignity to those in need. We are a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that relies on the generosity of our community to help us fulfill our mission that no one goes hungry in our town. Our vision is accomplished by providing meals served daily in our kitchen, delivered within our senior community and also to our home-bound citizens, and to children in the summer. Bread For Life strives to help our clients with their personal needs through referrals to appropriate agencies. We also are a voice to educate our community on hunger and poverty.

Wishes:

- Monetary donations toward the operation of our organization
- Gift cards in small denominations to grocery stores, fast food restaurants, pharmacies, and big box stores for our clients
- Nonperishable food items: please see our website for most needed items or call for specific items needed at various times of the year

Volunteer Opportunities: Bread for Life relies on volunteer to meet our mission. Please check our website for opportunities for kitchen and dining room volunteers, drivers, policy volunteers, and special event 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 and intellectual disabilities in the Greater Bristol area. BARC supports individuals in vocation programs such as greenhouse, dining room/restaurant, yard service, art program and work activity programs. In addition, BARC assists several adults with differing abilities in their own homes.

Wishes:

- Sensory items/Tactile items for Residential group homes.
- Backpack blower and weed whacker for Yard Service.
- Carpet for main office at Jerome Avenue.
- Floors to be redone at Lake Avenue.

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Facebook: [Bristol Family Resource Centers](#)

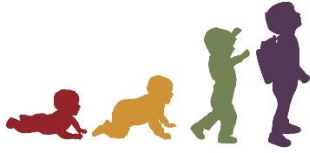
Bristol Family Resource Centers are located in 3 of the largest and highest need schools in our city (Greene-Hills, South Side and West Bristol). We provide a host of services/programs for students and families that change their lives for the better. Services include parenting education, home visiting,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

Wishes:

- Funds to replace our 10+ year old FRC laptop (must be purchased through BOE to be supported on our network, so an actual laptop cannot be donated/accepted)
- Funds to replace damaged children's play furniture
- A portable Bluetooth speaker and/or portable projector
- New rolling backpacks for moving canned goods and heavy items
- Donations for the FRC Annual Appeal, used to supplement program and salary costs when our funding is reduced, and FRC Discretionary Funds, which are used to directly support families in need

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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.

At Bristol Child Development Center, our mission is to provide a nurturing and stimulating environment that supports the holistic development of young children. We are dedicated to empowering each child to explore, create, and learn at their own pace, laying the foundation for a lifetime of success and fulfillment.

Our program is built on the belief that every child has the inherent right to develop the skills needed to become a lifelong learner. Through a play-based, child-centered approach, we encourage thinking, self-expression, curiosity, and initiative.

We recognize that each child is unique, shaped by individual life experiences, developmental readiness, and cultural heritage. By fostering strong partnerships between school and home, we work together to support each child's educational goals, development, and growth.

Above all, our mission is to promote each child's optimal development and instill a lifelong love of learning.

Wishes:

- Gift cards in small denominations to support our families in need
- Art Supplies for all ages- infant to school age
- Board Games and Crafts for our Summer Camp Program (ages 6 to 10)
- Office supplies
- Monetary donations are always appreciated

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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 in need of energy and food assistance through the organization's Energy Program, food pantry and Mobile Foodshare truck. The Food & Fuel Bank has assisted many residents. During the holidays the Food & Fuel Bank distributes food baskets, gifts, and gift cards for individuals and families in need. Applications are available upon request and carefully reviewed.

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, and to supplement the food pantry)
- Gift cards (grocery stores, Walmart, Target, etc.) to help families and elderly residents purchase food and other necessities as personally needed
- Paper products including toilet paper and paper towels

Volunteer Opportunities: The food pantry has volunteer opportunities available on a weekly or bi-weekly schedule. Foodshare volunteers are needed on a bi-monthly basis. Please reach out to social services if you are interested in volunteering 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 burlington-library-association-inc.square.site/donate

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 or to sponsor an event or project.
- Gift cards to grocery stores for refreshments and supplies for our events.
- Gift cards for Staples or Amazon for office and project supplies.
- New (or like new) children's books (age birth to 12) for our holiday gift project.

Volunteer opportunities:

- Board of Directors to assist with strategic planning and governance. We are especially looking for members with expertise/experience in healthcare, law, sales, marketing, event planning, or prior board experience. Bonus if they have connections with the Southington business community.
- Member of our new advisory board, known as the Community Table, to provide insights into the needs of Southington families. This part of our role as a Local Governance Partner under the state's [Early Start CT](#) initiative.
- Parent Ambassadors to help the ECCS with community outreach and project planning.
- Experts in health, development, behavior or other childhood issues who could offer educational programs to parents or professional development to childcare providers.
- Volunteers who can assist with staffing the ECCS table at community events or delivering materials around town.

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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 gsocfct.org.

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

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

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Giving Back Food Pantry is an outreach ministry of Tabernacle Christian Church, a 501c3 organization. Since 2007 we have been providing free nutritious food to those in need in the Central Connecticut area. Last year we were able to acquire and distribute over 73 tons of food.

Wishes:

- Volunteer need: Help with bagging food on the 2nd and 4th Friday afternoons of each month from 3:30 to 6:00.
- Storage shelves: We would appreciate contributions totaling \$400 to purchase for more storage of food.

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Nourished by our worship together and in response to God’s love, Word, and grace through Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we the members of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church are working together to share God’s salvation with all.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is a lively congregation that cares deeply about those in need in the community. We show that concern by distributing food, diapers and personal care products once a month to anyone struggling with food insecurity and do not turn anyone away for any reason. We have a fund called “Caring for Kids – Gloria Dei” which helps the families of children struggling with catastrophic medical issues, diseases and conditions by paying for medical bills, equipment, transportation etc. and have helped 25 children since 2003. During the summer, we purchase and fill backpacks for children in need in Bristol and beyond to make sure that they are prepared to start school ready to learn. Every November, our Holiday Fair proceeds benefit non-profit organizations that serve the community such as Meals for Neighbors, Prudence Crandall Center, St. Vincent De Paul, Brian’s Angels, and more.

Wishes:

- Diapers - all sizes
- Unscented baby wipes
- Adult incontinence products
- Feminine products
- Healthy non-perishable food items, especially items with lots of protein
- Monetary donations to purchase all of the above.
- Volunteers to help shop for, pack and distribute food, diapers, adult products, etc. to the community on the first Saturday of every month.

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Founded in 2016, Healing Meals Community Project is a community-driven nonprofit dedicated to preparing and delivering nourishing, organic meals to individuals and families facing health crises. HMCP is much more than a meal program: it is a community-powered model of healing. We have served more than 233,000 nourishing meals at low or no cost to clients and their families. For 12 - 24 weeks, we deliver meals directly to client homes and always include a handwritten note from one of our volunteers so that clients know they are part of a caring community.

Our dual mission also focuses on empowering youth and adult volunteers to serve our community with compassion. Under the guidance of our Executive Chef and a skilled Kitchen Team, our volunteers prepare, package and deliver meals every week. HMCP involves local teens throughout our process in our kitchen and organic gardens. They learn culinary skills, wellness practice, and organic gardening, all while growing through compassionate service.

To learn more about Healing Meals and how to receive our meals, visit

<https://www.healingmealsproject.org/healthy-meals-program/>.

Wishes:

- Monetary donations to support our Healthy Meals Program - donate online at <https://www.healingmealsproject.org/individual-giving/>
- Gift cards to Staples for office supplies
- Garden tools: gardening gloves, hand trowels and other small gardening tools for youth to use while they are learning and growing in our organic gardens
- Funds to support a refrigerated van to allow us to deliver meals to families in more communities
- Volunteer with us! Healing Meals Community Project relies on volunteers to meet our mission. Please check our website (<https://www.healingmealsproject.org/information-session/>) to learn more about kitchen, delivery, and special event volunteer opportunities

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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, CSI has specialized in reintegrating offenders into the community. CSI offers residential, home-based, and 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 10 states and in Canada, referred through contracts with federal, state, and local juvenile and adult criminal justice systems, and social service agencies.

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

In January 2020, CSI merged with LISA, Inc., another highly regarded nonprofit in Connecticut that operated two residential youth programs in Plainville and Meriden. The LISA programs are still providing safe, supportive, and empowering programs to young people in state custody to help them successfully transition into adulthood.

Wishes for our male and female clients ages 12 and up include:

- Hygiene/personal care items (shampoo, conditioner, soap, razors, lotions, combs, shower caps, toothbrushes, toothpaste)
- Household items (dishes, glasses, silverware, bath and kitchen towels, shower curtains, irons, clear plastic storage bins with tops, picture frames, coffee makers)
- Twin- and Full-size bedding (sheets, blankets, comforters, pillows)
- New clothing (casual and athletic wear, winter gear sizes XS-XXXL)
- Laptop computers and TVs (new or refurbished)
- Gift cards for new clothing (Walmart, Target, Kohl's, Amazon)
- Gift cards for grocery stores, fast food, (Subway, DD, McDonalds)
- Cleaning supplies (paper towels, vacuums, mops, brooms, wipes, cleaners)

Donate from a distance through our Amazon Wish List at: csi-online.org/about-us/donation-opportunities/

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The 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)

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Meals for Neighbors, a Ministry of Zion Lutheran Church

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We assist those in need with a multitude of services - soup kitchen, food pantry, holiday meals, school supplies, and clothing. Meals for Neighbors serves several thousand people per year via our food pantry (Mondays-Thursdays at 10am) and our soup kitchen (open Mondays-Wednesdays at 4:30pm).

Hours of Operation

Food Pantry

Tuesdays - Thursdays 10-10:30am In person Shopping

Soup Kitchen Dinners

Mondays - Wednesdays 4:30-5:15pm

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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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 elementary students 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
- Volunteers to manage box office
- Volunteers with recording experience

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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 220 households and runs various programs, including Emergency Energy Assistance, Holiday Baskets, Back-to-School, Cooking Classes, Bread Distribution, and Intervention and Referral.

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 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

50 Years Empowering Healing & Hope

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Amazon Wish List: <https://tr.ee/KY0GQ6>

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Prudence Crandall Center empowers individuals and families to heal and thrive free from domestic violence through comprehensive, coordinated services, while working to create lasting systems change and safe communities for all. Through all of our programs and services, we touch the lives of more than 10,000 adults and children each year from the central Connecticut communities of New Britain, Bristol, Southington, Berlin, Burlington, Kensington, Plainville, Plymouth, Terryville & beyond, with our unique housing program open to survivors from throughout our state. Programs and services 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
- Laundry detergent
- Baby wipes
- Diapers & pull-ups sizes 4/5/6
- Twin sheet & comforter sets
- Bed pillows
- Bath towel sets
- Household cleaning supplies
- Household paper goods

*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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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:

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

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Facility Greeters and Miscellaneous Office Tasks
- Can Inventory Control
- 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:

- Volunteers!!
- Saddles (English – All purpose or Dressage)
- English bridles
- Leather Halters
- Heated Water tub (16 gallon)
- Wheelbarrow (two wheels)
- Arena drag (to attach to a Kubota)
- Hand tools – screw driver, wrenches, hammer, garden tools
- Gift cards to Home Depot, Tractor Supply, Smartpak, or True Value

For the Office:

- Vacuum Cleaner – we get lots of mud in the farmhouse!
- Printer paper
- Arts and craft supplies (bonus if they are horse related!)
- Cleaning supplies – hand soap, paper towels, Simple Green
- Gift cards to Staples or Amazon

*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) is a welcoming space where people of all ages and abilities can explore and celebrate the arts. Our 10,000-square-foot arts center offers a wide range of classes, including pottery, painting, drawing, music, and weaving. The beautiful Hopko Performance Hall Gallery features rotating exhibits and also serves as a venue for community meetings, workshops, showers, parties, and celebrations of life. SoCCA is proud to offer impactful programs such as free classes for veterans, ArtVanGo! mobile outreach, and our All Access program, which connects neurodiverse adults with disabilities to their community through art. These programs provide creative training and opportunities to earn income, enriching lives through artistic expression.

Wishes:

- Monetary donations
- Sculpty Polymer Clay
- Watercolor refills
- Hand soap for classes
- Acrylic paint
- Canvasses - any size up to 16" x 20"
- Newsprint rolls, bristol board and drawing pads

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Board members with expertise/experience in fundraising
- Volunteers for community outreach events via ArtVanGo!
- On-site community volunteers: Apple Harvest, Winter Wonderland

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“To Assist and Empower Southington Residents.”

Southington Community Services is a food pantry, resource center and the first stop for any resident struggling with food, help and simple daily needs.

Wishes:

- Food Gift Cards -\$10-25.00 each (100 needed)
- New winter Coats
- New Winter Gloves
- Cereal - non sugar
- Kids healthy bagged snacks
- Canned fruit

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Southington Community YMCA

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The Southington Community YMCA is a mission-driven organization full of a people from all walks of life joined together by a shared cause to strengthen the foundations of community. With the commitment to programs and services focused on youth development, healthy living and 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 longstanding community partnerships and a commitment to deliver lasting personal and social change to the Southington community.

Monetary gifts for the Y's Annual Support Campaign go directly to make the YMCA programs and memberships available to those in need. Financial assistance keeps the Y available for kids and families who need us most. Beyond that, we have a few upcoming opportunities for facility improvements at the High Street campus that are in the planning stages including renovations to our Youth Locker Rooms and other needed upgrades. Additionally, we have two capital projects in the planning stages; a renovation to the Olney House, the historic brick house in the front of the YMCA property, and expanded Health and Wellness Studio space in the High Street Campus to meet the growing demands for classes and programs. If you would like more information about either of those projects, please contact Mark Pooler at mpooler@sccymca.org.

Annual Campaign donation can be made at <https://sccymca.org/annual-supportcampaign>

Volunteer Opportunities: Community volunteers, program volunteers, policy and special events volunteers. If you wish to volunteer, please contact the YMCA at 860-628-5597.

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Special Olympics Connecticut

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Special Olympics Connecticut (SOCT) is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing year-round sports training and athletic competition for nearly 14,000 athletes (individuals with intellectual disabilities) and Unified® Sports partners (individuals without intellectual disabilities who are the athletes' teammates) across the state. Its core mission is to promote inclusion, acceptance and tolerance through the vehicle of sports.

Special Olympics is dedicated to promoting a healthy lifestyle by offering free health screenings at events and providing participants with the education and resources to improve their sports performance and enhance their overall health and fitness.

SOCT's needs are centered around expanding its reach and maintaining its programs. We are always looking for the following:

- **Volunteer Opportunities:** SOCT relies on volunteer support to meet our mission. Please check our website, www.soct.org, for volunteer opportunities at various events throughout the year, or reach out to Volunteer Coordinator, Kathryn York at: kathryny@soct.org.
- **Coaches and Unified Sports Partners:** Individuals are needed to train and compete alongside our athletes (Unified Sports Partners).
- **Event Support:** Short-term volunteers assist with setting up events and general assistance during competitions and fundraisers; **Photographers, videographers, graphic designers** for events and office support.
- **Donations:** Financial support is crucial for funding sports programs, health screenings, and overall operations. Monetary donations also help provide equipment, cover event costs, and offer free health services to athletes. To donate directly to SOCT click: <https://give.soct.org/campaign/677227/donate>
- **Sponsorship:** Corporate and community sponsors provide monetary donations, volunteer support, and essential resources to help spread the message of inclusion.

**Wishes - Specific Tangible Donations Include
Sports Equipment/Items**

- **Tennis Balls:** <https://www.holabirdsports.com/> - Penn Coach Practice – item 022052 (six cases), Penn Championship Extra Duty – item 022024 (six cases)
- **Medals/Ribbons for 2026 Winter Games** – purchased directly by SOCT
- **Soccer Balls** – 20 balls - Adidas 2026 FIFA World Cup, size 5
- **Volleyballs** – 20 balls - Tachikawa SV5WSC-2, size 5
- **Basketballs** – 20 balls - Nike Elite Tournament, size 7

Health & Wellness Programming Needs

- **Mouth guards** for Special Smiles screening [Amazon.com : Shock Doctor Mouth Guard Sports, Hockey, Lacrosse, Baseball, Wrestling Moutguard, Gel Max Heavy Duty Protection & Custom Fit, Football Mouth Guard with Strap, Adult & Youth Mouthguard : Sports & Outdoors](#) (quantity 100)
- **Mouth guard cases** for Special Smiles screening [Amazon.com : Practicon Marble Retainer Cases, Orthodontic Aligner Case, Mouth Guard Holder \(3 Pack\) Oasis : Health & Household](#) (quantity 100)
- **SPF 30 lip balm** for Health Promotion (quantity 250) any brand as long as it is SPF 30
- **Fit Bits Inspire 3** for Unified Fitness Clubs and Team CT (quantity 75)
- **MyPlate Portion Control** for Health Promotion, Fit 5 and nutrition education [Amazon.com: Nasco WA31490 MyPlate Portion Control Paper Plate for Health Education, Balanced Meal Planning, Stackable - Pack of 25 : Health & Household](#) (10/packs; 25 in pack)

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United Way of Central and
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True to our founding spirit, whenever there is a need in our communities, United Way of West Central Connecticut (UWWCC) is there. Every day through our words and actions, we serve, connect, and inspire people to take action for our communities of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, and Plymouth/Terryville. From strengthening local resilience to advancing health, youth opportunity, and financial security, United Way is mobilizing communities to action so all can thrive.

Wishes:

- **Year Round:**
 - New or gently used children's books for our "Appetite for Reading" program.
 - Gift Cards (Wal-Mart/Target - \$20-\$25 denominations) - Let us do the shopping for you! We always have a need.
 - Raffle donations (Theme baskets or items) for community fundraisers and symposiums
- **June, July, and August:**
 - New backpacks and school supplies for students ages Kindergarten-8th Grade. Donations benefit the Adopt-A-Child Back to School program.
- **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 and volunteer opportunities are available. For more information on sponsorship contact Sarah Mitchell, Resource Development Coordinator, smitchell@uwwestcentralct.org For more information on volunteering contact Nancy Micloskey, Community Impact Coordinator, nmicloskey@uwwestcentralct.org

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Veterans Strong

Community Center, Inc.

Voices of Honor: Honoring All That Have Served

a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization

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Online Wishlist: www.vetstronginc.org/food-pantry

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)
- Paper goods - paper towels, toilet paper, facial tissue
- Basic cleaning supplies - disinfectant/cleaner, dish soap, laundry soap, bar soap
- Our Amazon Wishlist:
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/8aNYopa?ref=cm_sw_em_r_un_un_T66LvUbYRgywU

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COMMUNITY | HEALTH | CARE

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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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Thy Eagle's Nest

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Established in 2012 as a 501c3, Thy Eagle's Nest has been serving our community in Wolcott and surrounding towns such as Bristol, Plymouth, Plainville, New Britain and Waterbury. We serve the needs of families and individuals transitioning into independent living. The items we provide include clothing, bedding, towels, furniture and household items. In addition, we now offer a personal development program to help renew minds through positive neuroplasticity.

Wishes:

- Monetary Donations for Operations
- Shelving
- Clothing Racks
- Staples Gift Cards for Printing
- Signage

Volunteer Opportunities can be weekly or monthly. Help us build homes and build people one donation at a time.

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