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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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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF BRISTOL  
FAMILY CENTER**

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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](http://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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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](mailto:kristen.williams@me.com).

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## **Connecticut Community Care, Inc.**

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The UGLY Fund (Unnecessary Gifts & Luxuries for the Young-at-Heart) provides funds for older adults to purchase small luxuries to enhance their lives. Case managers for Connecticut Community Care, Inc. who serve some of the state's most needy older adults may request small amounts of money from the UGLY Fund to respond to small wishes.

Connecticut Community Care, Inc. (CCCI) identifies choices and provides services to help people of all ages, abilities, and incomes to live at home. They work with elders eligible for the Connecticut Homecare Program.

**Wishes:** We are looking for funds to provide something special to our elders who are most in need. Past recipients have received funding for a manicure, a trip to Fenway Park, guitar lessons for their grandson, arts and crafts supplies and flowers and candy for a hospice cancer patient on her birthday, among other things.

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# ECCS

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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.
- Video projector with HDMI cable/converter for use at workshops

**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 37,000 members strong – over 25,000 girls and 12,000 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)<sup>™</sup> 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](http://gsofct.org).

**Wishes:**

- Cleaning equipment (children’s sized 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
- First-time camper kit (daypack, sleeping bag, pillow, flashlight, hat/bandana, mess kit, water bottle, insect repellent, swimsuit, closed-toed shoes)

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A Museum Early Learning Center

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Imagine Nation, A Museum Early Learning Center, 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. Serving over 20,000 children and families annually from over 144 towns in Connecticut and surrounding states, the Museum studios foster fun and focused learning activities for children generally between the ages of 2 and 8 years old. We serve 126 children a day in our innovative NAEYC accredited preschool program targeting the ages of 6 weeks through 5 years old. We are a division of the Boys & Girls Club of Bristol Family Center.

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:**

- Art Supplies (colored pencils, glue, crayons, scrapbooking materials, wallpaper (scraps & sample books), envelopes (all sizes), reams of printing paper ( 8 ½ x 11), construction paper, corks, yarn, buttons, bottle caps, egg cartons, corks, bottle caps, seashells, washable magic markers, clay tools and supplies
- 3D printer filament
- Professional grade Walkie Talkies
- Manual Typewriters and small appliances for our Take Apart Station
- Frequent flier miles for staff to attend professional development conferences

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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:**

- Color laser printer or 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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The Parent and Child Center at Bristol Hospital 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
- Smart board or smart tv
- Gift cards for families (to grocery stores, Walmart or Target) arts and craft supplies
- Gift cards for food for classes
- Water cooler
- Dehumidifier
- Children's books
- Indoor space for physical education classes.

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

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*The Plainville Community  
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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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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:

- New Double Oven
- Commercial pots and pans with lids (3 sets); large frying pans with lids; hotel pans (serving pans) 2" and 4" deep
- Cutting knives (restaurant grade)
- Warming table (Health Department approved)
- Food processor
- Industrial size seasonings
- New serving spoons
- Commercial toaster
- Two 5 gallon juice/water jugs
- Individually wrapped snacks for youth
- Juice boxes
- New clothing in all sizes for children ages 0-18
- New shoes in all sizes for children ages 0-18

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## Sessions Woods Wildlife Management Area - Friends of Sessions Woods

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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:

- Oak display case
- 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 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 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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## **Southington Education Foundation**

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Southington Education Foundation is a nonprofit organization committed to enriching the minds and lives of Southington's most impressionable community members – its school students. The mission is simple. The Southington Education Foundation, Inc. is committed to instilling a life-long love of learning in all children through innovative, creative learning experiences that expand upon existing educational opportunities. The Foundation will partner with the community to secure resources, inspire excellence, and enrich student achievement.

Every year since 2010 SEF's Science at Sloper program has involved approximately 500 fourth grade students in the Southington school district. These students are engaged twice yearly in hands-on instruction on topics such as wild life habitats, weathering, and wind/water erosion. Another major project--the CCSU Technology Engineering Partnership--engages 500 or more students at the two middle schools and Southington High School allowing students to explore career options in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. SEF also funds educator-requested grants which support hundreds of students.

### **Wishes:**

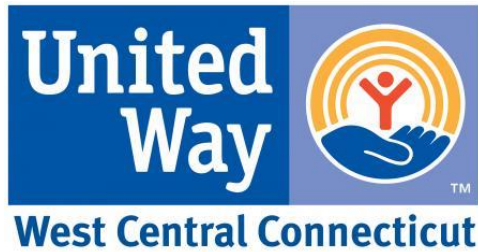
- Monetary gifts towards the operation of the organization
- Inkind printing/copying services
- Gift cards to grocery stores for refreshments and supplies (Target, Walmart, etc.) for event
- Gift cards for Staples for office supplies and printing

### **Volunteer opportunities:**

- Volunteer with computer skills who can help maintain contact lists and databases
- Volunteers who can assist with preparing and staffing fundraising events.

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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:** United Way is in need of toys and gifts to support United Way's annual 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. Collection dates are the second week of December at United Way's office. We accept new, unwrapped toys or gifts. We also accept gift cards to local stores so that our staff can purchase extra gifts for age groups that do not receive all the gifts they need. We have difficulty in particular in securing enough gifts for the older children ages 8-14. \$20 gift cards are also appreciated which will be distributed to 200 families in order to purchase a turkey for the holidays.

**Big Wish:** \$20 Stop and Shop gift cards for 200 families.

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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
- Basic care items for families.

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**YWCA New Britain**

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YWCA New Britain is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. Programs run by the YWCA New Britain include childcare, STRIVE youth development, family literacy and support, sexual assault crisis services, and health and fitness.

**Wishes:**

**Childcare programs:**

- CD/cassette players
- Digital camera
- A computer
- New movies (ages 5-10)
- Board Games (ages 5-10)
- Art and craft kits (ages 5-10)
- New books (ages 5-10)
- Gift cards to Walmart/Target/AC Moore/Dollar Tree
- Two laptops
- Bulk purchase of pool noodles
- STEM mobile creativity board
- Dozen Peel & Stick baseplates for Legos
- Books - quality children's literature (bilingual, as well)
- Board Games for children aged 3-6 years of age
- Deep dish electric skillet (for cooking activities)
- Blender (cooking activities)
- Little Tykes for ages 3-5 years outdoor playhouse (plastic; not wood)
- Tunnel
- Storage Shelving

**STRIVE after school program:**

- Digital camera



- Wii gamestation; board games
- Baby Think it Over doll
- Gift certificates to Walmart, Target, CVS and Stop & Shop.

**House of Teens:**

- Kitchen cabinets

**Family Literacy:**

- Toddler sized play kitchen appliances; and plastic pots, pans, dishes, and food.
- Bus tickets

**School of Dance:**

- Portable dance bars
- Portable boom box; stereo system
- Bucket of Rosen
- Therabands (all different intensities)
- Flat screen TV with DVD player and portable stand
- Blank CDs to burn music
- iTunes gift cards to purchase new music.

**Sexual Assault Crisis Service:**

- Size L and XL t-shirts and sweatpants
- New underwear in package
- Sanitary pads & tampons
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Snacks (like granola bars) and water bottles

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