



A Community Wish List

For the towns served by Main Street Community Foundation

Bread for Life

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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: Bread for Life is currently building a new home to consolidate its services and specific items are needed for that. Contact Bread for Life for additional information.

Volunteer Opportunities: Bread for Life has regular volunteers.

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: Program activity supplies, tablets for client and staff use, leaf blower, lawn mower, weed whacker, vacuum cleaner, digital camera, CD player, commercial soup pot, commercial toaster, cash register, computer for learning.

Boys & Girls Club of Bristol Family Center

255 West Street
Bristol, CT 06010

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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 Boys & Girls Club of Bristol Family Center serves 600 to 1000 youth a day.

Wishes: New sports equipment (basketballs, baseballs, soccer balls, volleyballs, pool sticks, ping pong balls, bats, gloves, etc.); Arts & Crafts supplies, such as crayons, markers, scissors, etc.; 6 large coolers; Winter hats & gloves.

Bristol Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

111 North Main Street
Bristol, CT 06010

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The City of Bristol Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is comprised of volunteer citizens who are trained in basic life safety and emergency preparedness skills. The program is community based in order to provide rapid and safe care for our residents and to provide support to the City's emergency personnel in the event of a major incident or large scale disaster. The Bristol CERT Team has made Shelter Administration its primary focus as a means of building team and community awareness, trust and reliability. The team has and will continue further training in order to provide residents and first responders with the most effective support. It will also

focus on public education in order to increase the emergency preparedness of all residents in the community. The Bristol CERT Team will expand its mission over time and will specialize in, but not be limited to:

- Shelter management
- Traffic control
- Support for City sponsored events
- Ham radio communications
- Aid and assistance with Point of Distribution (POD) activities
- Assistance with SUV (Spontaneous Unsolicited Volunteers)
- Coordination with Web EOC
- Public (Adult and Child) education for home emergency preparedness
- Enhanced and expanded knowledge through specialized, invited trainers

Wishes: Alcohol Wipes – case, Wet Ones – case, non-latex gloves – case, bandaid (all varieties), 6 Ft. folding table and 6 chairs, battery operated glow sticks, glow sticks, hand cart with dolly, portable wooden cabinet with desk attached, whistles.

From the ProPac Medical Supply company: Quick Shelter Canopy w/cert graphics, 2 Triage Kits (sku K3301)\$289.50 each, ProPac Medical Kit (sku K3305) \$150.00 each, Bayco NightStick Safety Flashlight (sku D5131)- \$29.95 each, 5 hand-held dual band radios, 5 replacement antennas @ \$2.99/ea, container for radio supplies, base radio Yaseu FT-2900R currently \$145, dog/cat crates for shelter use.

Funding to purchase above items and continue with monthly training.

Burlington Cub Scout Pack 23

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Burlington, CT 06013

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The Boy Scouts of America will prepare every eligible youth in America to become a responsible, participating citizen and leader who is guided by the Scout Oath and Law. The Burlington Cub Scout Pack 23 currently serves 79 boys in grades 1-4. The Pack runs an annual Toys for Tots drive along with sports programs and food drives. For the boys, the Cub Scout Pack provides camping experiences for families, speakers, meetings and character building activities.

Wishes: A laptop, ideally a refurbished MacBook Pro, that the scouts can use to learn how to create presentations and movies to be used during events and pack meetings.

Burlington Food & Fuel Bank

200 Spielman Highway
Burlington, CT 06013

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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. As of March 2013, the Food & Fuel Bank is assisting 67 families and elderly residents. During the holidays, the Food & Fuel Bank distributes food baskets and gifts for residents in need.

Wishes: Non-perishable food items, toiletries (soap, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, etc.), monetary donations, 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.

Burlington Library Association, Inc.

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Burlington, CT 06013

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The Burlington Library Association Inc., plans, develops and conducts programs as well as promotes the library as a center for civic and cultural activities. As a 501©3, the Library Association conducts an annual membership drive and programs such as used book sales, children's summer reading programs and Books for Babies in order to help the Burlington Public Library in ways the Town is unable. The Library Association also supports the library local history room, special book collections (large print, e-books and audio books) and purchases museum passes by donating over \$25,000 annually to the Library.

Wishes: Donations of used or like new items for the book sale are not being accepted during 2017. A library renovation and expansion will be initiated in 2017 and we will not be holding sales. The library staff will be drawing up a list of equipment and

furniture that will not be covered by the construction budget. Please contact the Library Director at 860-673-3331 for more details about these needs.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteer help is needed for the Library Association's annual newsletter and membership campaign. Once the expansion and renovation project is completed, help will be needed to raise funds for equipment and furniture. Volunteers who are willing to sell books online are also needed.

Christian Fellowship Center, Inc.

43 Prospect Street
Bristol, CT 06010

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The mission of the Christian Fellowship Center is to supply, serve, strengthen and house our neighbors in need, providing help for all when help is needed. The Christian Fellowship Center Storehouse operates a soup kitchen, food pantry, and clothing ministry weekly and is the largest food provider for the needy in the Hartford/Tolland county, and one of Connecticut's largest food providers for the needy. In 2012, over 700,000 pounds of food were distributed from our agency to feed the hungry, and clothing was given out weekly. Clients served free of charge are adults, seniors and children that earn extremely low income or no income whatsoever.

Christian Fellowship Center is working with Foodshare in Bloomfield to become an emergency response center when there are natural disasters of power outages. CL&P is also working with Foodshare on this project, and has provided funding to be obtained through a grant from Foodshare. We hope to receive funding to purchase a generator so that we can keep our doors open in the event of an emergency, as well as operate our soup kitchen and food pantry during week days when other agencies may not be open.

Wishes: Our wish list includes a new 10' x 10' walk-in freezer (quoted price \$12,901.00), a 6' x 8' walk-in refrigerator (quoted price \$6,595.00), (8) six-foot rectangular tables for our dining room to accommodate more seating in our dining room, 50 folding chairs to accommodate more seating in our dining room, and \$425,000.00 to complete our Youth Center to have it up and running for the kids.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteer help is needed every other Monday at 9:00 a.m. to help us off load the Foodshare truck. We also need help every Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to noon distributing groceries from our food pantry, and we are looking for individuals with cooking experience to be a captain on one of our soup kitchen teams.

Community Counseling of Central CT

53 Muir Avenue
Bristol, CT 06010

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The mission of Community Counseling of Central CT is to provide the highest quality behaviorally-based therapeutic outpatient services to individuals, couples, children and adolescents in the most caring environment possible. Community Counseling serves approximately 200 individuals from all walks of life and of all ages, on a continual basis throughout the year. Community Counseling recently established Pillwillop Therapeutic Farm in Wolcott, which offers many free or reduced-fee programs such as art groups, group therapy, seminars, community gardens, a working farm museum, farm-related trainings such as animal care, and other farm-based programming.

Wishes: Flat screen TVs and wall mounts for the clinical group rooms to help aid in training; blu ray DVD players to play training materials; PCs to be used in trainings and classes; laser fax/printer for the Wolcott office; office chairs; and wooden desks.

Decking; hardwood flooring; fencing materials; miscellaneous building materials; miscelananeous farm, woodworking and metalworking tools; welders (MIG and stick) to assist with farm quiptment maintenance; self-propelled lawn mower; tractor with backhoe or front bucket; and a large capacity woodchipper.

Electric stove/ oven for use in the farm kitchen; and four propane furnaces to supply heat to the farm programs; miscellaneous office supplies.

The UGLY Fund - Connecticut Community Care, Inc.

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Bristol, CT 06010-7472

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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.

The Cove Center for Grieving Children

250 Pomeroy Avenue, Suite 107
Meriden, CT 06450

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The mission of the Cove Center for Grieving Children is to provide hope and healing for grieving children, and education for their families and the professionals that work with them. Approximately 255 youth ages 4-18 who have experienced the death of a loved one and 150 adults, including caregivers and counselors, are served annually by the Cove's seven family sites, which provide free grief peer support programming for grieving children and families. The Cove Center for Grieving Children also conducts outreach programs that reach an additional 1,200 individuals per year. The programs include Cove in Schools, Professional Development training and referral services. Camp Erin Connecticut, which is a free weekend-long bereavement camp open to any grieving child in the state. serves about 70-100 children ages 6-18 annually.

Wishes: Art Supplies for Family Program (gift card for Michael's, Dick Blick Art Supplies or craft stores such as JoAnn Fabrics or online suppliers); gift cards to Costco for refreshments and supplies for our Volunteer Facilitator Trainings and Camp Erin Clinician and Big Buddy trainings; Technology: 3 iPads for our family sites and Camp Erin; high quality camera for marketing department, laser printer for site. Office supplies or gift card for Staples/Office Depot; rolls of plastic tablecloths - green (Family Program), yellow and royal blue (Camp Erin); underwriting the cost of live butterflies for Cove sites and Camp Erin for the annual butterfly release in memory of loved ones who have died; and underwriting of the cost of 60-100 Teddy Bears (special design

brown bears with insert area for picture of loved one. Each child receives a bear at camp.)

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteer Facilitators are needed for our family sites and they must commit to one year in the program. Big Buddies are needed for Camp Erin Connecticut. Volunteer help is also needed for events, including the Gala in May and Run for The Cove in October. Volunteers can also participate in a clean-up project for the Newtown/Fairfield Cove site.

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 will enter school ready to learn." 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.

Little 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.

Big Wishes:

- Office or conference space in Southington that can be used for the director's office, small meetings and/or for workshops.
- Storage space in Southington, which can be easily accessed a few times per month, for marketing materials, event supplies and 10 years of ECCS files.

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.

Environmental Learning Centers of Connecticut

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Bristol, CT 06010

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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, or 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.

Living in Safe Alternatives, Inc.

200 Executive Drive, Suite 4C
Southington, CT

LISA, Inc. is a non-profit organization with locations in Bristol, Plainville, Southington, and Waterbury. Our mission is to work collaboratively with young people in the foster care system to help them improve their lives and learn skills that will sustain future independence. We offer independent living options, community based life skills, leadership programs, and group interventions. LISA, Inc. serves ethnically diverse young people from all socioeconomic backgrounds from towns and cities throughout Connecticut. We specialize in providing services that are trauma-informed and gender responsive.

Wishes (our young people are between the ages of 13-23; with most being 17-19):

- Welcome bags/baskets for new residents (hygiene items, snacks, comfort items)
- Twin bedding (sheets, blankets, comforters)
- Laptop computers and TVs (new or refurbished)
- Training tables (5ft x 2ft; 15 needed)
- Landscaping and snow removal services
- Clothing gift cards for this age group such as: Kohls, Old Navy, Famous Footwear, H&M, Gap, Forever 21, etc.
- Winter wear for young men and women - hats, coats and gloves.
- Gym memberships, movie tickets, amusement park passes and yoga classes
- Gift cards for grocery stores, fast food (subway, McDonalds) and local gas stations
- School and art supplies
- Household items (toilet paper, bath and hand towels, shower curtains, plungers, irons, clear plastic storage bins)
- Portable fans
- Small appliances (George Foreman grills, microwaves, blenders, toasters)
- Cleaning supplies (paper towels, vacuums, mops, brooms, wipes, cleaners)

Meals for the Needy

27 Judd Street
Bristol, CT 06010

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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 the Needy serves several thousand people per year, and operates a four-evening per week soup kitchen (the oldest soup kitchen in Bristol).

Wishes: Nonperishable food, small denomination gift cards (for grocery stores, clothing stores, etc.), blankets, jackets, hats, scarves, mittens, back packs, health and comfort items.

New Foundations, Inc.

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Wolcott, CT 06716

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Website: www.newfoundationsct.org

New Foundations, Inc. provides appropriate services to help individuals with developmental challenges remain in their home communities and live there as productively and independently as possible. Programs consist of 24 hour Residential Care and 6 hour weekday day programs and Supervised Living.

Wishes: Technology (computer for our Wolcott group home); handicap accessible van; donated services to repair bathroom and kitchen; financial donations; new appliances; wheelchair lift; sponsorships.

New Horizons Living Center, Inc.

34 Fallsbrook Road
Bristol, CT 06010

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Website: www.nhlcct.com

New Horizons Living Center, Inc. provides supportive housing and counseling services to children and adults with mental, physical, and/or developmental disabilities, and/or individuals in substance abuse recovery.

Wishes: Multiple grocery store gift cards, Target, Wal-Mart gift cards.

Big Wish: A van to transport handicapped individuals.

Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters

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Hartford, CT 06106

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Website: www.nutmegbigbrothersbigsisters.org

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 111 towns and cities in Connecticut, including Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott. Annually, they serve over 1,200 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!

Nutmeg Symphony Orchestra

P.O. Box 2154
Bristol, CT 06011

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: 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 and event planning.

Parent and Child Center at Bristol Hospital

9 Prospect Street
Bristol, CT 06010

Telephone: 860-585-3481

Website: [Parent and Child Center at Bristol Hospital](#)

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 950 families with children every year. Programs include Family Life Works, Positive Parenting, Family Wellness, the Caring Closet and Nurturing Families Network.

Wishes: Diapers (size 1-6), wipes, baby food, toddler snacks, baby wash, baby shampoo, adult hygiene products, smart board, gift cards for arts and craft supplies, gift cards for food for classes and indoor space for physical education classes.

Plainville Community Food Pantry

54 South Canal Street
Plainville, CT 06062

Contact: Susie Woerz

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Website: www.thefoodpantry.net

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.

Wishes: Food Items, such as: Pasta Sauce, Boxed Potato/Rice, Hamburger Helper, Cereal/Oatmeal, Canned Soups, Canned Tomatoes, Pasta & Rice Pouches, Canned Vegetables, Canned Pasta, Canned Meats (i.e. Spam, Tuna), Mac & Cheese, Pancake Mix/Syrup, Juice Bottles/Boxes, Ramen Noodles, Peanut Butter/Jelly, Stuffing/Gravy, Baking Mixes, Crackers/Snacks, Coffee/Tea

Non-Food Items, such as: Shampoo/Conditioner, Laundry Detergent, Toilet Paper, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Kleenex, Bath Soap, Diapers (sizes 4, 5 & 6), Tampons & Maxi/Mini Pads, Cleaning Products, Disposable Razors, Deodorant, Paper Towels, Storage Bags

Monetary gifts and gift cards are also appreciated and will be used to buy perishable food items.

Plymouth Community Food Pantry

20 Dewey Avenue
Plymouth, CT 06786

Contact: Erin Kennedy

Title: Director

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Website: www.plymouthfoodpantry.org

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.

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 9-12am, Wednesdays 9-10am, Fridays 9-12am and the first Tuesday of each month from 5-7pm.

Big Wish: An energy efficient chest freezer or a laptop computer.

Prudence Crandall Center, Inc.

P.O. Box 895
New Britain, CT 06050

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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, information and referrals and community education .

Wishes: Gift cards (grocery stores, Walmart, Target, gas, etc.); full sized toiletry and personal care items; diapers (all sizes); school and art supplies; new twin sized bedding and pillows; new towels and washcloths; journals; new ladies robes or pajamas (all sizes); new children's clothing (all sizes).

Salvation Army

19 Stearns Street
Bristol, CT 06010

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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: Refrigerator (large, double door); microwave (industrial size); food disposal for sink; commercial pots and pans with lids (3 sets); large frying pans with lids; hotel pans (serving pans) 2" and 4" deep; silverware 300 Count; cutting knives (restaurant grade); electric knife sharpener; handheld can openers; commercial coffee maker w/ warmer and pots; food processor; shatter resistant cups; shatter resistant dinner plates, dessert plates and bowls; large mixing bowls (stainless steel); pot holders; industrial size seasonings; serving spoons; commercial toaster; two 5 gallon juice/water jugs.

Sessions Woods Wildlife Management Area – Friends of Sessions Woods

P.O. Box 1550
Burlington, CT 06013

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Website: www.fosw.org

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.

St. Vincent DePaul Mission of Bristol

19 Jacob Street
Bristol, CT 06010

Contact: Phillip Lysiak and Linda Kerr
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Website: www.svdpofbristol.com

St. Vincent DePaul Mission of Bristol operates three homeless shelters in Bristol: a 25-bed Bristol Homeless Shelter, a 10-family Women with Children Transitional Living Center and 13-men Elms Transitional Living Center.

Wishes: Bus tokens, gift cards (grocery, drug stores, Target, Wal-Mart), cots for temporary client overflow, Stockade/chain Link fencing, kitchen appliances, washers, dryers, metal bed frames, large freezers, refrigerators, new computers, phone cards, 30+ chairs for our dining room.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers are needed to come in and help with inventory and fundraising events.

Shepard Meadows Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc.

733 Hill Street
Bristol, CT 06010

Contact: Cindy Policki

Title: Board President

Telephone: 860-314-0007

Website: www.shepardmeadows.org

Shepard Meadows is a therapeutic riding center servicing people with various disabilities, including mental and physical. They serve about 10,000 - 15,000 people per month and they serve ages 4 - 60.

Wishes: For the horses: Gift cards (Stop & Shop, Tractor Supply, Back to Basic, Dover Saddlery, Smart Pack), shoeing, hay, brushes, buckets, rakes. For the facility: Gas cards, weed wacker (gasoline), manure spreader, work gloves, poison ivy spray, load of processed stone, toiletries, garbage bags, dish detergent, cups, mop and pail, broom and dustpan, color copier, copy paper, gift cards (Staples, Lowes, Home Depot).

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

Southington Community YMCA

29 High Street
Southington, CT 06489

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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 4,000 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.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteer Coordinator, program volunteers, policy volunteers.

United Way of West Central Connecticut

440 North Main Street Executive Suites
Bristol, CT 06010

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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.

Wheeler Clinic, Inc.

91 Northwest Drive
Plainville, CT 06062

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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 and bicycles for teenagers; basic care items for families.

Big Wish: A greenhouse to support our education services.

YWCA New Britain

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New Britain, CT 06051

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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: Comfortable living room chairs for one-on-one book reading; love seat for toddler room; crib sheets for preschool cots; crib-sized blankets; small, soft-bristle toothbrushes; quality children's books; games for children, ages preschool-fifth; CD/cassette players; digital camera; and a computer.

STRIVE after school program: Digital camera; Wii gamestation; board games; Baby Think it Over doll; and gift certificates to WalMart, Target, CVS and Stop & Shop.

Family Literacy: Toddler sized play kitchen appliances; and plastic pots, pans, dishes, and food.

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; and iTunes gift cards to purchase new music.

Sexual Assault Crisis Service: Gas gift cards; and sweatpants in size L and XL.