

## Holiday Giving Opportunities 2017

### **A Just Harvest**

7649 N. Paulina St.

Chicago, IL 60626

773-262-2297

Contact: David Crawford - [david@ajustharvest.org](mailto:david@ajustharvest.org)

[www.ajustharvest.org](http://www.ajustharvest.org)

#### **Needs:**

- Home Depot gift cards
- Office Depot gift cards (ink, toner, paper)
- Napkins
- Heavy duty plastic forks
- Laundry soap
- Liquid hand soap for bathroom
- Bleach
- Paper towels
- Canned vegetables (any kind)
- Canned soup (any kind)
- On-line donations ([www.ajustharvest.org](http://www.ajustharvest.org))

### **Alternatives, Inc.**

4730 N. Sheridan Road

Chicago, IL 60640

773-506-7474

Contact: Kirsten Rokke - [Krokke@alternativesyouth.org](mailto:Krokke@alternativesyouth.org); [info@alternativesyouth.org](mailto:info@alternativesyouth.org)

[www.alternativesyouth.org](http://www.alternativesyouth.org)

Donations are accepted Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the front desk of the center. Alternatives, Inc. accepts donated goods to enhance and support the delivery of high-quality programs and services to youth.

#### **Needs:**

- Gift cards to restaurants or clothing stores
- Easel White board
- Post-it Easel Pads
- Ventra transit cards
- Spiral Notebooks
- Up to 80 gender neutral journals
- 2 iPads
- Gift cards to Target, Walgreens, CVS or other large chains. Preferably in \$10 and \$20 denominations.

### **Care For Real**

5339 N. Sheridan Road

Chicago, IL 60640

773-769-6182

Email: [info@careforreal.org](mailto:info@careforreal.org), [development@careforreal.org](mailto:development@careforreal.org)

[www.careforreal.org](http://www.careforreal.org)

Donations are accepted Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-3:45p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

**Needs:**

- Non-perishable food items
- Unwrapped new toys for children and teens (toys for teens are needed the most)
- New or gently used winter clothing including: coats, hats, scarves, mittens, and gloves for men, women and children
- Gift cards to Target, Best Buy, Amazon, movie theaters, etc. for the teens and tweens (gift cards for these age groups are needed the most)
- Personal care products including: toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, shaving cream and razor blades
- Gas cards
- Diaper

**Centro Romero**

6216 N. Clark St

Chicago, IL 60660

773-508-5300

Email: [griffin@centroromero.org](mailto:griffin@centroromero.org)

[www.centroromero.org](http://www.centroromero.org)

Donations are accepted Monday – Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2 p.m.-5 p.m.

**Needs:**

- File cabinets
- Printer
- Printer paper
- Photo and video cameras (high demand)
- Paper shredder
- Transport van

**City of Evanston Holiday Food and Toy Drive**

2100 Ridge Ave.

Evanston, IL 60201

847-448-8255

Contact: Melissa Parker - [mparker@cityofevanston.org](mailto:mparker@cityofevanston.org)

[www.cityofevanston.org](http://www.cityofevanston.org)

Please bring new unwrapped toys and non-perishable food items to the lobby of one of our drop-off sites between Nov. 3 and Dec. 11. Please be sure to check the expiration date of all food donations. We are also collecting donations for staple food items for holiday meals. If you prefer to make a donation, please send a contribution made payable to “City of Evanston Holiday Giving” to the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department, 2100 Ridge Ave., Evanston, IL 60201. Drop off sites are located at:

- **Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center**, 2100 Ridge Ave. Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-9 p.m.
- **Main Library**, 1703 Orrington Ave. Sunday, 12 p.m.-6 p.m.; Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

- **North Branch Library**, 2026 Central St. Monday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Tuesday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- **Chicago Ave./Main Street Branch Library**, 900 Chicago Ave., Suite 102, Monday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- **Robert Crown Center**, 1701 Main St. Monday, 9 a.m.- 6 p.m.; Tuesday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday, 12 p.m.-4 p.m.
- **Chandler-Newberger Center**, 1028 Central St. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **Evanston Ecology Center**, 2024 McCormick Blvd. Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- **Fleetwood-Jourdain Center**, 1655 Foster St. Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- **Levy Senior Center**, 300 Dodge Ave. Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- **Noyes Cultural Arts Center**, 927 Noyes St. Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
- **Gibbs-Morrison Cultural Center**, 1823 Church St. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
- **Evanston Police Station**, 1454 Elmwood Ave., accepting donations 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

**Needs:**

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| • Toys                      | • Yams                |
| • Non-perishable food items | • Macaroni and cheese |
| • Stuffing                  | • Corn                |
| • Green beans               | • Corn bread mix      |

**Community Counseling Centers of Chicago, Children's Services**

2542 W. North Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60647  
773-365-7277

Contact: Katherine Bartholomew - [katherine.bartholomew@c4chicago.org](mailto:katherine.bartholomew@c4chicago.org)  
[www.c4chicago.org](http://www.c4chicago.org)

Donations are accepted Monday- Friday 9 a.m.-8 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Needs:**

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|---------------------------------------|---------|
| • Art supplies for children ages 0-17 | • Books |
| • Games                               |         |

**Cornerstone Outreach Pantry**

4628 N. Clifton Ave  
Chicago IL 60640  
773- 506-6396 x10  
[www.ccolife.org](http://www.ccolife.org)

Donations are accepted Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Clothing Needs:**

- Warm quality winter wear (used items in great condition are fine)
- Warm gloves (especially for large men) NOT magic gloves
- Warm winter hats
- Scarves
- Mittens
- Smartwool socks or other sturdy extra warm socks (of all sizes)
- Long johns or long underwear (especially in larger adult sizes)

**Toiletry Needs (new only):**

- Shampoo and conditioner (full and travel sizes)
- Toothbrushes (adult and children)
- Toothbrush covers
- Toothpaste (adult and children)
- Lotion
- Deodorant (men and women)
- Bars of soap
- Diapers (infants- toddlers)
- Wipes
- Diaper rash cream
- Disposable razors
- Chapstick

**Household Item Needs (can be used as long as in good condition):**

- Towels
- Wash clothes
- Warm blankets
- Twin size sheets
- Silverware (spoons, forks, knives)
- Reusable shopping bags

**Ethiopian Community Association**

1730 W. Greenleaf Ave.

Chicago, IL 60626

773-508-0303 x116

Contact: Michael Krepps - [mkrepps@ecachicago.org](mailto:mkrepps@ecachicago.org)

[www.eeachicago.org](http://www.eeachicago.org)

**Needs:**

- Notebooks
- Loose-leaf paper
- Folders
- Pencils, sharpeners and erasers
- Pens (black or blue)
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Scissors
- Pencil Cases
- Rulers
- Backpacks
- Art supplies
- Winter jackets
- Winter hats
- Gloves
- Scarves
- Socks
- Soaps, shampoo and lotion
- Deodorant
- Diapers
- Sanitary pads/tampons
- Projector
- Projector screen
- Display cases
- Shelving

## **EZRA-Multi Service Center**

909 W. Wilson Ave.

Chicago, IL 60640

773-275-0866

Contact: Sarah Sheek - 773-467-3851, [sarahsheek@juf.org](mailto:sarahsheek@juf.org)  
[www.juf.org/ezra](http://www.juf.org/ezra)

Please bring the following items to 909 W. Wilson Ave.

### **Food Pantry Needs:**

- Whole wheat sandwich bread
- Canned beans including: butter beans, baked beans, black beans, kidney beans, chick peas, pinto beans and black-eyed peas (low sodium if possible)
- Canned chicken
- Canned salmon
- Snacks including: pretzels, popcorn, crackers, trail mix and granola bars
- Nuts and seeds
- Dried fruit
- Canned prepared meals including: chili, beef ravioli, spaghetti and meatballs, and beef stew
- Canned fruit (preferably in water or juice)
- Canned vegetables
- Whole wheat pasta
- Canned soups including vegetarian soups (low-fat, low-sodium)
- Can openers
- Coffee
- Tea
- Cereal/breakfast bars
- Rice/grains
- Baby formula
- Baby food

### **Hygiene Pantry Needs:**

*For hygiene products, we request regular household sized items*

- New adult winter clothes (Gloves, hats, scarves)
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body wash
- Bar soap
- Facial soap
- Deodorant
- Razors
- Shaving gel
- Toilet paper
- Feminine hygiene products
- Q-tips
- Cotton balls
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Floss
- Lotion
- Hand soap
- Hand sanitizer
- Laundry detergent
- Dish soap
- Cleaning supplies: Household cleaners and sponges
- Adult diapers
- Body wipes
- Baby diapers
- Baby wipes
- Diaper cream

## Financial Empowerment Supplies

- Small calculators
- Small accordion files for coupons
- Small notebook
- Pens

## Newly Housed Kits

*These kits will be distributed through our EFS department to clients who have recently secured housing following a period of homelessness or after first arriving in this country. It is up to the family completing the project to decide exactly what should go into these kits, but EZRA staff is happy to supply example lists to help them get started.*

Kitchen starter kits:

- Full spice sets
- Cooking utensil set

Linens starter kits:

- Bath towels
- Sheets/Bed in a Box kits

Clean home starter kits:

- Cleaning supplies
- Laundry supplies

## Housing Opportunities for Women

1607 W. Howard St.

Chicago, IL 60626

773-465-5770

Contact: Sheila Quinn - [squinn@how-inc.org](mailto:squinn@how-inc.org)

[www.how-inc.org](http://www.how-inc.org)

Please bring the following items to create home starter kits in new or good condition. We are also looking for gently used clothing items which we will accept on a case by case basis. Due to our limited storage, please pre-arrange large donations. If you have clothing items you'd like to donate that are not on this list, we encourage you to contact the Bottomless Closet. Office equipment will be accepted on a case by case basis.

### Needs:

- Coffee makers
- Toasters
- Kitchenware (excluding Tupperware and other storage containers)
- Table settings for four
- Towel sets
- Linens
- Lamps
- Microwaves
- Laundry detergent
- Toiletries
- Small electronics (alarm clocks, stereos, microwaves, etc.)
- Beds in bags (comforter, sheet, pillowcases) for single and double beds (most are single)
- Gift cards for grocery stores – Jewel, Aldi and Food for Less

- Casual clothing for women, especially sizes 10 and up
- Coats and outerwear for women, men and children ages birth to 18, especially sizes 10 and up
- Clothing for children, ages birth-12 (new only)
- Pencils-primary and #2
- Crayons-large and regular
- Washable markers
- Scissors-primary and intermediate
- Glue sticks
- Kleenex
- Paper towels
- Pocket folders
- Notebooks
- Pencil top erasers
- Rulers
- Supply boxes
- Watercolor paints
- Sketchpads
- Colored pencils
- Spiral notebooks
- Wide-ruled notebook paper
- Dictionary
- Calculator
- Copy paper

## Howard Area Community Center

7648 N. Paulina St.

Chicago, IL 60660

Contact: Donna Legacy, 773-262-6622

Email: [volunteers@howardarea.org](mailto:volunteers@howardarea.org)

[www.howardarea.org](http://www.howardarea.org)

Donations are accepted Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The list below includes items that were identified as priorities by HACC families and staff in the Adult Education and Family Literacy Program. Many of the families in the Adult Education and Family Literacy Program are recent refugees or immigrants who are unprepared for the harsh Chicago winter, so gift packages that include winter clothing are especially needed. We ask that a minimum of 3 items are included in each gift package.

### Needs:

AGE GROUP	ITEMS
0 - 2	Diapers, baby wipes, winter jackets, winter hats, blankets
3 - 5	Winter clothes (jackets, hats, gloves/mittens)
6 - 10	Winter clothes (jackets, hats, gloves/mittens)
11 - 14	Winter clothes (jackets, hats, gloves/mittens), school supplies
15 - 18	Winter clothes (jackets, hats, gloves/mittens), backpacks with school supplies, Subway or other food gift cards

In addition to the children's gift packages, we are seeking \$25 gift cards from Target, Walgreens or Jewel Osco for families to use to purchase food or special needs items.

## Inspiration Corporation

4554 N. Broadway

Chicago, IL 60640

773-878-0981 ext. 222

Contact: Jennifer Boroucki - [info@inspirationcorp.org](mailto:info@inspirationcorp.org)

[www.inspirationcorp.org](http://www.inspirationcorp.org)

### Needs:

- \$20 gift cards to Jewel or other grocery stores, CVS, Target and Walgreens
- Food pantry items including non-perishable foods, canned goods, especially high protein foods such as peanut butter, tuna and beans
- Travel sized toiletries
- Personal care products

## Neon Street Dorms

4411 N. Ravenswood Ave.

Chicago, IL 60640

Phone: 773-336-6740

Contact: Core Darling - 773-336-6069, [cdarling@heartlandalliance.org](mailto:cdarling@heartlandalliance.org)

[www.heartlandalliance.org](http://www.heartlandalliance.org)

### Needs:

- Gift Cards: Jewel Osco, Aldi, Payless and Target
- Warm winter adult clothing including: underwear, socks, gloves, hats and coats
- Backpacks
- Boots/insulated shoes
- Personal hygiene products, especially deodorant
- Towels, wash cloths, hand towels
- Backpacks
- Start-up kits for when a youth moves to a new apartment – bed linens, blankets, cleaning supplies, kitchen items (plates, glasses, silverware etc.)

## Neumann Family Services

5547 N. Ravenswood Ave.

Phone: 773-769-4313

Contact: Becca Brown - [BBrown@neumannfamilyservices.org](mailto:BBrown@neumannfamilyservices.org)

[www.neumannfamilyservices.org](http://www.neumannfamilyservices.org)

### Needs:

- Men's running shoes: Size 10 (2 pairs), Size 11 or 11.5 (2 pairs), Size 13 (1 pair)
- Women's running shoes: Sizes 7.5 – 12
- Sports bras: Sizes M, L, XL
- Socks: all sizes
- Shorts, tops and other running gear
- Gift certificates to grocery stores, restaurants, bowling alleys and gas stations



- Event Tickets to local events like the Auto Show and Taste of Chicago, museums, sports games, the zoo, events at Navy Pier, plays, movies and amusement parks
- Small household items such as twin sheet sets and towels
- Large household items such as refrigerators, dressers, washers/dryers and stoves
- Landscaping items such as lawn mowers, work boots, vacuums, and tools
- Exercise equipment such as dumbbells, exercise bikes, yoga mats and workout DVDs
- Instruments (key board, guitar, maracas, bells, etc.)
- CD player and music CDs
- DVD player
- Art and craft supplies such as beads and other items to make jewelry; yarn for knitting or crocheting (and needles); paint and paint brushes; art paper
- Office supplies such as pens, notebooks, calculators

### **The Night Ministry**

4711 N. Ravenswood Ave.

Chicago, IL 60640

773-506-6004

Contact: [volunteering@thenightministry.org](mailto:volunteering@thenightministry.org)

[www.thenightministry.org](http://www.thenightministry.org)

Drop off hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Please call ahead to inquire about donating items other than those listed below.

#### **Needs:**

- Winter Gear including: hats, gloves, long underwear (dark colored and adult large sizes)
- Gift Cards:
  - \$5 cards: Subway, McDonalds, Starbucks and Dunkin Donuts
  - \$10 cards: Jewel, CVS, Walgreens and Mariano's
  - \$25 cards: Marshalls, Walmart, Kohl's and Target
- Holiday stockings filled with care items such as: toothbrushes, travel tissues, warm gloves, cards or other items
- Wrapped Gifts for children and young persons

### **Northside Community Resources**

1530 W. Morse Ave.

Phone: 773-338-7722 (ext. 6) then (ext. 22)

Contact: Irelis Contreras - [icontreras@onenorthside.org](mailto:icontreras@onenorthside.org)

[www.northsidecommunityresources.org](http://www.northsidecommunityresources.org)

#### **Needs:**

- Canned and nonperishable food to be distributed to clients.

## **North Side Housing and Supportive Services**

4410 N Ravenswood Ave., Suite 101

Chicago, IL 60640

Contact: Margaret Kushiner - [mkushiner@northsidehousing.org](mailto:mkushiner@northsidehousing.org)

[www.northsidehousing.org](http://www.northsidehousing.org)

Donations are accepted Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

### **Needs:**

- Winter coats for adult men
- Men's underwear
- Socks
- Coats
- Hats
- Condoms
- Dish soap
- Small furniture items and appliances such as: microwaves, toaster ovens, tables, television stands and coffee makers
- Quilts and comforters
- Bed linens
- Blankets
- Dishes
- Pots and pans
- Laundry baskets
- Household supplies
- Face and bath towels
- Cleaning supplies (sponges, rags, soap, Lysol wipes, dusting spray, etc.)

## **Our Lady of Lourdes**

4641 N Ashland Ave.

Chicago IL 60640

773-561-2141

Contact: Father Michael Shanahan - [ol-lourdes-ashland@archchicago.org](mailto:ol-lourdes-ashland@archchicago.org)

[www.ololchicago.org](http://www.ololchicago.org)

Please drop off donations at the Rectory, located at 4640 N. Ashland Ave. Monday – Friday, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1 p.m.-8 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

### **Needs:**

- Gift Cards for Walgreens, McDonalds, Burger King, CVS, Target, Jewel and Dominick's

## **Sarah's Circle**

4838 N Sheridan Road

Chicago, IL 60640

773 -728-1014

Contact: Anna Withers - [awithers@sarahs-circle.org](mailto:awithers@sarahs-circle.org)

[www.sarahs-circle.org](http://www.sarahs-circle.org)

All donation drop-offs can be made to our 4838 N. Sheridan Road location Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Calling ahead of time to 773-728-1014 ext. 314 to notify us of your drop-off is greatly appreciated.

**Needs:**

- Ventra Cards (single use or 1,3, or 7 day passes)
- Disposable razors
- Winter coats (larger sizes needed)
- Hand warmers
- Wool socks
- New socks (sizes L, XL)
- Winter boots
- Sleeping bags
- Lotion (travel size)
- Deodorant
- Face or body wipes
- Stretch/yoga pants (sizes XL, XXL, and 3XL+)
- Pantyliners and high absorbency pads
- Adult diapers for women (sizes L, XL)
- Shampoo and conditioner (travel size)
- Bar or liquid body soap (travel size)
- Folding personal-use shopping carts (with wheels)
- Ibuprofen, acetaminophen, Tylenol (no aspirin, please)
- Fish oil, Vitamin C, multivitamins
- Cold medicine (pill form preferred)
- Sinus/allergy medicine (pill form preferred)
- Hand sanitizer (travel size)

**St. Ignatius Church**

6559 N. Glenwood Ave.

Chicago, IL 60626

773-764-5936

Contact: Kathy Morris ext. 14

Email: [is@stignatiuschurch.org](mailto:is@stignatiuschurch.org)

[www.stignatiuschurch.org](http://www.stignatiuschurch.org)

We are seeking items for our food pantry as well as personal items. Please drop off donations at the following times: Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., and Sunday 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Needs:**

- Soups
- Tuna
- Tomato sauce
- Tomato paste
- 1-2 pounds of rice
- 1 pound of pasta
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Hot cocoa
- Granola
- Coffee
- Tea
- Juice
- Syrup
- Cookies
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Tooth brushes
- Kleenex
- Toilet paper

## St. Thomas of Canterbury

4827 N. Kenmore Ave.

Chicago, IL 60640

773-878-5507

Contact: Christine Pal - [stcuptown@yahoo.com](mailto:stcuptown@yahoo.com)

[www.stcuptown.com](http://www.stcuptown.com)

Drop off donations Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at the Rectory next door to the church.  
Please ring the bell.

### Needs:

- Hats (for men and women)
- Gloves (for men and women)
- Socks (for men and women)
- Children's warm winter clothes
- Small toiletries
- Children's toys (ages 0-15)
- Target or Jewel Gift cards

## Thresholds

4101 N. Ravenswood Ave.

Chicago, IL 60625

773-572-5500

[thresholds@thresholds.org](mailto:thresholds@thresholds.org)

[www.thresholds.org](http://www.thresholds.org)

Donations can be dropped off Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

### Needs:

- Winter clothing
- Larger sized clothes
- Men's socks
- Personal care products
- Non-perishable food items
- Feminine care products

## Trilogy

1400 W. Greenleaf Ave.

Chicago, IL 60626

773-382-4048

Contact: Sarah - [Development@trilogyinc.org](mailto:Development@trilogyinc.org)

[www.trilogyinc.org](http://www.trilogyinc.org)

### Needs:

- Adult coats
- Hats
- Gloves
- Scarves
- Gift cards for: Jewel, Dominick's, CVS, Walgreens and Target
- CTA passes

## United Church of Rogers Park, Soup Kitchen

1545 W. Morse Ave.

Chicago IL 60626

773-761-2500

Contact: Deacon Dorr or Church Administrator, ext. 17, [deaconwes@gmail.com](mailto:deaconwes@gmail.com)

[www.ucrogerspark.org](http://www.ucrogerspark.org)

Accepting donations Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Please have all donations in by Monday, Dec.11 and call ahead to drop off donations.

### Needs:

- Toys \$10-15 dollars each (age: newborn to 18 years old), no toy guns
- Gift cards to grocery stores for Holiday Cheer Program

## Uptown Baptist Church

1011 W. Wilson Ave.

Chicago, IL 60640

773-784-2922

Contact: Ian Forsyth - [info@ubcreal.org](mailto:info@ubcreal.org)

[www.uptownbaptistchurch.org](http://www.uptownbaptistchurch.org)

Donations are accepted Mondays 12 p.m.-7 p.m.

### Needs:

- Non-perishable food items
- Blankets
- Styrofoam cups and plates
- Coats

## Vital Bridges

5543 N. Broadway St.

Chicago, IL 60640

773-271-5117

[www.heartlandalliance.org/vital](http://www.heartlandalliance.org/vital)

Please call for drop off times.

### Needs:

- Canned soups and stews
- Hot and cold cereal
- Canned meats
- Toothpaste
- Tuna
- Shampoo
- Salmon
- Soap
- Chili
- Deodorant
- Peanut butter
- Personal toiletry items
- Jelly