

# Central Avenue Center of Hope Newsletter



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#### A Place Where All are Welcome

Fall 2021

Greetings from the Site Director:

Thank you, thank you for all your support, funds, and donations. Like everyone else it has been a struggle at times at the Center.

We continue to hand out lunches, food pantry, and hygiene items out at the back door. We have let a few in to pick out their own clothes instead of us picking them out. We are still only allowing three to four shoppers in with mask at a time.



We are down to two full time volunteers and myself running the Center. It gets a little crazy with donations, lunches and the store, but God blesses us and we manage to get things done.

We will have our Feed the Elderly Holiday baskets also this year. We will plan to have food for 30 elderly families so they can have a holiday meal at home with their families.

We have a busy season ahead of us. If you can help with any of the needs we have we really would appreciate it. Keep praying for the Center and the people we serve.

Blessings

Marsha

The items we can use on a regular basis are:

Hygiene items: mask, shampoo, hand lotion, razors, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes

Lunches: snack items, pudding, crackers, granola bars, fruit cups, chips, cookies

Pantry: soups, tuna, beans, cereal, side dishes, jelly, vegetables, fruits

Homeless: coats, hats, gloves, blankets, jeans, sweat shirts, boots

Thrift Store: anything

# Christmas Hope

Merry Christmas!

As Christmas quickly approaches, we ask that you remember Central Avenue Center of Hope

in your holiday plans. We are currently in need of unwrapped new or gently used gifts for Christmas Hope project.

These gifts are for all ages of children and can include new or gently used toys, books, games, hats, scarves, socks and gloves. The gifts will be provided to less fortunate parents and grandparents who are unable to give gifts to their children and grandchildren.

We will be handing out Wish list forms to the families at the Thanks-giving dinner and the Feed the Elderly Thanksgiving basket distribution event and asking the parents, guardians or grandparents to complete and return the forms to the Center by December 12th.

The board will try to fulfill the wish list suggestions with the items that are donated. These will be handed out with the Christmas meal and individual Christmas gifts.

You can donate items, or gift wrap, bags, bows, tape or donate money and the board members would be happy to shop for you. Please have your items or money to the Center by December 12th.

## Christmas Gifts will be passed out to each person

Keeping the gifts simple this year:

socks, gloves, caps, personal items, candy

We will need 50 men's / 30 women's

20 children age 1 to 10 / 20 youth age 11 to 16

Please have the gifts in a medium size gift bag or shoe box so that it will fit through the window.

Label them as to what group they are in:

Male / Female Adult / Child / Teen



### Thanksgiving & Christmas Dinner Food List



Give Thanks

We are planning to do the Holiday meals. We may be handing them out at the back door. At least they will receive a Holiday meal.

Thanksgiving will be on Thursday, November 25th and Christmas meal will be on Thursday, December 23rd.

Here's a list of items we need for each meal:

- 5- Turkeys 15lbs or larger
  - 8- Hams boneless10lbs
    40 lbs. Potatoes
- 3- No. 10 cans of Green Beans
  - 3- No. 10 cans of Corn
- 3- No. 10 cans of Sweet Potatoes
  - 20-boxes of Stuffing Mix
    - 8 cans Chicken broth
    - 10 lbs stick Margarine
- 2-large bags small Marshmallows
  - 2-bags Brown Sugar

1 gallon Milk

6-tubs Whipped Topping

Desserts- pies, cookies, cakes, cobbler



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#### **Upcoming Events:**

# Thanksgiving Meal on November 25th Christmas Meal to go and gift on December 23rd

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