

Capuchins' Holiday Food Box & Toy Drives



Holiday Gift Boxes

Capuchin Community Services provides food boxes to over 2,000 needy households during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. We serve at two sites, the House of Peace and St. Ben's Community Meal.

About one third of those who eat at St. Ben's have access to a kitchen but don't always have food. Many of those served by the House of Peace are the working poor who rely on our Emergency Food Pantry. *Can your business, school or house of worship help us feed the poor this year?*

We provide food boxes with the "shopping" list printed on it. Then your group holds a food drive.

A Capuchin friar is available to speak for kick-off and wrap-up events. The food box packing experience works well with groups of all ages and abilities.

Capuchin Community Services provides many versions of support materials. To learn more please go to: www.capuchincommunityservices.org/ways-to-help/special-drives/holiday-food-box-program

Here are the items we collect each holiday season:

- 1 box of mashed potatoes
- 1 bag of stuffing
- 4 cans of green beans
- 4 cans of corn
- 2 cans of cranberry sauce
- 1 32 oz. can of sweet potatoes or yams
- 1 box of cake mix
- 1 can of frosting
- 2 boxes of pudding or Jell-O
- 2 boxes of cornbread mix
- 2 boxes of macaroni and cheese
- 1 can of gravy (No glass jars, please)

The House of Peace adds a gift certificate for a turkey and to help pay for refrigerated foods.

Toy Drive

The 2,000 households that sign up for the Holiday program include 2-3 children each. We are seeking gifts of unwrapped toys for children ages birth to 8 years of age, boys and girls. Here are some suggestions of the types of gifts we need:

- Basketball, football or soccer ball
- Skateboard
- Legos
- Interactive books
- Board Games
- Jewelry
- Bath gift sets
- Beading Kits
- Puzzles
- Watches
- Gift Cards
- Hats & XL sweat shirts
- Movie Theatre Passes
- Scrapbooking Kits
- Playdoh
- Learning Toys
- Science Sets
- Toys for Infants

How To Help:

To help feed a family or provide gifts, please call Mike George, Volunteer Coordinator at: (414) 933-1300, ext. 12 or email: CapHolidayDrives@thecapuchins.org