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Your Guide to Supporting Our Neighbors
in Sheboygan County





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Neighbors in Need

Understanding the Needs of Sheboygan County's Residents

The holiday season is a time for joy, connection, and generosity – but for many of our neighbors, it can also bring added stress and uncertainty. **Here in Sheboygan County, 1 in 3 individuals struggles to make ends meet**, living below the federal poverty line or falling into the ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) category. These are hardworking families and individuals who are doing their best but still face tough choices – between heat and groceries, rent and gifts, or warm winter coats and gas to get to work.

This guide was created to make it easier for you to give back where it matters most. Inside, you'll find a list of local organizations, churches, and community groups offering opportunities to donate gifts, coats, toys, and other essentials – or to “adopt” a family in need this season.

Every act of kindness – every coat, toy, and dollar – helps make the holidays brighter for someone right here in our community. Together, we can ensure that no neighbor is left out of the warmth and hope this season brings.

If you'd like to learn more about ALICE and the financial challenges faced by many in our community, please visit UnitedForALICE.org

In Sheboygan County, **1** in **3**



households can't afford basics.



Get Holiday Help

Community Meals, Food Pick-Up and Other Resources to Get Help

Community Cafe at Warming Center

When: Monday through Saturday from 11:30 to 1pm

Where: St. Luke's United Methodist Church on 6th and Ontario Avenue in downtown Sheboygan



Thanksgiving Dinner - Plymouth

Organization: St. John Lutheran Church in Plymouth

When: Thursday November 27th from 12-1:30pm

Contact: 920-893-3071 to make a reservation



Community Meal - Southside

When: Tuesday November 18th and the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 5-6:30pm

Where: Bethany Reformed Church on Washington Avenue on the southside of Sheboygan



Community Meal - Oostburg

When: Wednesday Nov. 12th and the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 5-6pm

Where: First Christian Reformed Church in Oostburg



Family Dinner - Sheboygan

When: Every Tuesday from 5-6pm

Where: Lighthouse Recovery Community Center in downtown Sheboygan

Contact: 920-226-3013



Hope Cafe

When: Tuesdays from 10-11am, as well as the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 5-6pm

Where: Hope Reformed Church on Ontario Avenue near 6th Street in downtown Sheboygan



Food Box Pick-Up - Oostburg

When: Tuesday November 11th from 6-7pm

Where: First Reformed Church in Oostburg

Note: Recipients must be ready to show a proof of address within Oostburg, Gibbsville or Hingham



The Soul Squad Meal - Southside

When: Wednesday Nov. 12th and the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 11:30am-2pm

Where: Oakbrook Community Church on Broadway Avenue on the southside of Sheboygan

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Meal at JoinUs Cafe

When: Thursdays from 11am-1pm. Please note there is no meal on Thanksgiving.

Where: Hmong Mutual Assistance Association on Superior Avenue near 23rd Street in Sheboygan



Closet & Pantry at The Production Farm - Sheboygan Falls

What: For those in need, offering food, hygiene supplies, clothing, furniture, and home goods – all free of charge. The Production Farm ensure that everyone has access to essential daily living items in a welcoming and supportive environment.

When: Open on Wednesdays from 12:30-3:30pm.

Contact: 920-403-0021 for more information.

Community Supper - Sheboygan

When: Sunday December 7th and the 1st Sunday of each month from 4:30-5:30pm

Where: Fountain Park Global Methodist Church on 9th and Erie Avenue in downtown Sheboygan



For a complete calendar and list of Sheboygan County's food pantries, please go to:

sheboygancountyfoodbank.com/find-help

DO YOU KNOW WHERE TO CALL FOR HELP?



Call 911 in case of emergencies such as fire, crime, car accident or medical emergency.



Call 988 when in need of support with a mental health crisis, thoughts of self-harm or emotional distress.



Call 211 when in need of support with housing, utilities, child care, food, legal services, disaster recovery and more.

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Holiday Drives, Dropoffs, Wish Lists to Give Help to Others

Toys for Tots - Salvation Army

When: Nov. 10 - Dec. 10

What: Every year, The Salvation Army partners with the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program to collect toys for children in Sheboygan County. Donated toys are used to fill wish lists and will be distributed through the Toy Shoppe during the week of December 15, 2025.

Where: More than 50 drop-off locations throughout Sheboygan County. For a full list, click here: <https://www.salvationarmyusa.org/wi/sheboygan/pennsylvania-ave-corps/toys-for-tots-collection/>



Adopt A Family - Salvation Army

When: Through Dec. 1. Packages may be dropped off on Friday Dec. 5.

What: Share the joy of the season by adopting a local family in need this Christmas. Salvation Army works with the parent(s) to provide a detailed list to help you in your shopping choices.

Contact: adoptafamilysheboygan@gmail.com



Toy Drive - Project Angel Hugs

What: Bring joy and holiday magic to children with cancer. Reminder that donated items should be new, unused and under 12" in size so they can be mailed. For a full list of items, please visit projectangelhugs.com

When: Now through November 30th

Where: Drop-off at Project Angels Hugs office on Mill Street in downtown Plymouth. There are also more than 20 drop-off locations in Sheboygan, Fond du Lac and Manitowoc counties.

Contact: 920-892-9138



Toy Drive - Kohler Credit Union

When: November 25th through December 13th

What: Collecting new, unwrapped toys for the annual community Toy Drive. Donations can be dropped off at any Kohler Credit Union branch lobby. Toys are donated to an organization within the respective county. Donations made at Sheboygan County locations will be donated to Sheboygan Salvation Army.

Contact: events@kohlercu.com for more information

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Foster A Child Holiday Drive - Kindred Heart Families Sheboygan

What: Supports local foster/kinship children who are in need of support for the holidays. To view wish lists, visit kindredheartfamilies.org/foster_a_child

When: Drop off your gift(s) by Thursday December 4th at 5pm.

Where: 1626 Illinois Avenue in Sheboygan. Open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 12-5pm.

Contact: Text 920-400-2678 or email kindredheartfamilies@yahoo.com



Holiday Gifts & Necessities Drive - BabyCare Sheboygan

What: BabyCare is a ministry of love to babies and toddlers and their families in Sheboygan County, distributing nearly 20,000 diapers each month and other necessities. During the holiday season, BabyCare distributes gifts for children of all ages. When a family visits BabyCare during the month of December, they may choose one gift per child in the household. Donations of new, unused, and unwrapped toys and gifts of all kinds are greatly appreciated.

Where: St. Luke's United Methodist Church on 6th and Ontario in downtown Sheboygan. Please note that BabyCare is only open on Thursdays.

Contact: Marge Voigt at 920-207-0515 or visit babycaresheboygan.com



Winter Gear Drive - Mary's Room Sheboygan

What: Located next door to St. Vincent de Paul on Sheboygan's Northside, Mary's Room helps local families with clothing, diapers and other baby needs. They are currently desperately in need of winter clothing and gear for toddlers, especially sizes 2T, 3T, and 4T.

Where: 4219 State Highway 42 in Sheboygan

Contact: 920-208-8258



Adopt A Child - Sheboygan Co. Foster Care

What: Organized by Sheboygan County Dept. of Health and Human Services, this gift drive supports local children in foster care. As of November 5th, they reported still having at least 29 children that need to be sponsored for the holidays. Wish lists continue to roll in.

Contact: To sponsor a child, please email fostercaregroup@sheboygancounty.com for more information.

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Holiday Wish List - Boys & Girls Clubs of Sheboygan Co.

What: Support local youth (ages 5-18) for the holidays. For the full list of ideas, please visit thepositiveplace.com/donate/

Where: Donations can be delivered to Boys & Girls Clubs of Sheboygan County's offices at 2500 Kohler Memorial Drive, Suite A in Sheboygan

Contact: 920-467-9733



Food Drive at Making Spirits Bright

When: November 28th - December 31st

What: Non-perishable food donations are collected by volunteers as you enter Evergreen park. Food donations support local families in need through the Sheboygan County Food Bank (SCFB).

Where: Evergreen Park in Sheboygan

Visit: sheboygancountyfoodbank.com for more information about hunger-related needs in our community. For more information about Rotary's annual light display, visit makingspiritsbright.com



Wish List - Safe Harbor of Sheboygan Co.

What: Donations of personal care items, cleaning supplies, bath supplies, new bedding, and new clothes support our Sheboygan County's only shelter dedicated to domestic violence. Please reach out to Safe Harbor directly about specific needs of current clients.

Contact: 920-452-8611



Wish List - Sheboygan Co. Dept. of Health & Human Services

What: DHS works with Sheboygan County students and families that are frequently in need of basic household items. Items donated will directly benefit clients in the FNT and SET programs. No donated items will benefit Health and Human Services employees.

Contact: McKenzie Urbina or Lizzy Kroll at Sheboygan Co. Dept. of Health & Human Services 920-889-2380 or 920-226-9648

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Wish List - SCIO Bridgeway House

What: Support SCIO's Bridgeway House by helping provide everyday essentials for women and children working toward stability. Items like cleaning supplies, paper goods, personal care items, diapers, bus passes, and gas cards are especially needed this season.

Where: 1251 Geele Avenue in Sheboygan

Contact: 920-457-7272



Make A Meal

What: This holiday season consider making a meal, such as a pan of lasagna, and delivering it to one of our local organizations that supports our neighbors in need. We strongly encourage you to reach out to the organization in advance, to allow their staff to prepare. Various locations throughout Sheboygan County are happy to help coordinate this including:

- Lighthouse Recovery (Call: 920-226-3013)
- Open Door Wellness and Recovery (Call: 920-889-2491)
- Salvation Army (Call: 920-458-3723)
- Safe Harbor (Call: 920-452-7640)
- Warming Center (Call: 920-395-3990)

LasagnaLove is another great resource to help feed families and spread kindness. Go to lasagnalove.org to sign up and be connected to a local family in need.



If you are organizing or hosting a holiday drive or other event that supports local individuals in need, please contact Meagan Van Ahn, Director of Marketing & Outreach, at meagan@uwofsc.org or complete this form to be added to an updated version of this guide.
<https://forms.office.com/r/MK9WhxVAIX>

Make A Gift

to Improve the Lives of 45,000 Sheboygan Co. Residents



\$5 GIFT

helps a homeless individual do their laundry



\$25 GIFT

covers the application fee when applying to rent an apartment



\$50 GIFT

provides healthy food for a classroom of students



\$100 GIFT

provides a family of four with child care co-payments for one month



\$250 GIFT

covers the cost of two 1-hour budget and credit counseling sessions



\$500 GIFT

provides 3 months of advocacy services for a child that has been found to be in need of protection



\$750 GIFT

helps 3 families with their monthly utilities



\$1000 GIFT

provides therapy sessions for 50 students in our PATH program

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