

2017 HEART OF FLORIDA UNITED WAY
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Thank you for your interest in making a difference in our community during the holiday season! This holiday giving and volunteering guide is a project of **Heart of Florida United Way's** Volunteer Resource Center. The guide was compiled from the responses to a holiday needs survey distributed to dozens of nonprofit agencies and organizations in the Central Florida area.

This guide is divided into United Way's four focus areas (each in alphabetical order by organization name):

1. Education
2. Health
3. Alleviating Hunger and Homelessness
4. Financial Stability

Each organization will have at least one of the following types of opportunities:



Holiday Donation Needs (Wish List) – include needs that directly support the operations of the nonprofit agency like office supplies, or serve the needs of the agency's clients (canned goods, toys, new clothing, etc.). This type of opportunity is great for any office or students of all ages who may hold a donation drive at work, school or home.



Holiday Volunteer Meal Opportunities – direct service opportunities for individuals or groups interested in providing and/or serving a meal to those in need. This may include serving lunch at a homeless shelter or having a group of volunteers provide and prepare food at an afterschool program. *Please note: Many of these types of opportunities require the volunteer(s) to purchase the food or provide a financial contribution to the agency.*



Holiday Volunteer Opportunities – all other types of volunteer activities. They may include staffing a special one-time event or providing general assistance with everyday needs of an organization.



Holiday "Adopt-A" List – great opportunities for individuals, families or organizations who want to help others in need, but who are unable to dedicate the time to serve in person. "Adopt-A" opportunities provide a way for you to support a child, family, senior, student, etc. with either a financial contribution or specific goods (such as toys).

When you find an opportunity you like, **please call that agency directly** to begin your holiday giving and volunteering. The contact person at the agency will provide you with more details, such as number of items needed, sizes, age appropriateness, etc. **And please be sure to mention that you read about their needs in "United Way's Guide to Holiday Giving and Volunteering!"**

Some Tips on Holiday Giving

- When making donations during the holidays, please keep in mind that your donations are used to provide gifts to agency clients such as toys, clothing and other donated goods. All items should be **new**.
- Please remember to contact the agency directly **before** you begin a drive or a volunteer project on their behalf; the agency's needs may have changed.
- Some agencies have Adopt-a-Family (or client, or child, or elder) programs. Agencies vary on policies regarding whether or not the donors will meet the recipients. In some instances, because of issues of anonymity or family privacy, delivery is made by agency personnel only. In other cases, donors may be asked to meet the family at the agency.
- Please keep in mind that agencies are often overwhelmed during the holiday season; please **be patient** and respect their wishes.
- Remember: the holiday season comes only once a year, but volunteer opportunities are available and needed all year long! The best holiday gift that you can give our community is your steady commitment to service. Please visit www.hfuw.org to learn more about year-round needs right here in Central Florida.
- This guide will be available at HFUW.org throughout the Holiday season. Please consider the environment before printing.

For questions about this guide, please contact:
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Note: A listing with this symbol indicates that the agency is a Heart of Florida United Way partner agency. Inclusion in this guide has been made available to any legal, nonprofit organization in the tri-county area that chose to submit their needs. Their inclusion does not constitute a representation, warranty or endorsement with respect to the competence, suitability or reliability of such organization or person by Heart of Florida United Way or Heart of Florida United Way's Volunteer Resource Center.

Education



Boys & Girls Club of Central Florida 🚚💰

www.bgccf.org

101 East Colonial Drive

Orlando, FL 32803

Phone: 407- 841-6855

Contact: Nic Freeman, Volunteer Resources Manager

Email: nfreeman@bgccf.org

Mission: To inspire and enable all youth, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, caring citizens.

Holiday Donation Needs: Holiday gift drives help to ensure that every child at every club receives at least one gift during the holiday season. Listed below are a few ideas of items to collect for your holiday drive. Donations will be accepted from now until **December 15**.

Gift Ideas for:

- | <u>6 – 9 years old</u> | <u>10 – 12 years old</u> | [GREATEST NEED]
<u>13 – 18 years old</u> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Board games• Sports equipment• Toys (no guns, please)• Lego/MegaBlocs• New Clothing: shirts, lightweight jackets, socks, shoes, etc• Backpacks/school supplies• Art kits• Science kits• Coloring books• Crayons• Jump ropes | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Backpacks/school supplies• Purses• Hair accessories• Board games• Sports equipment• New Clothing: shirts, lightweight jackets, socks, shoes, etc• Costume jewelry• Toys (no guns, please)• Art kits• Science kits | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Backpacks/school supplies• Scientific calculators• Purses• Hair accessories• Cosmetic sets, nail polish• Board games• Sports equipment• New Clothing: shirts, lightweight jackets, socks, shoes, etc• Costume jewelry• Perfume/cologne/body spray |

Holiday “Adopt-A” List: Adopt-A-Club by providing them with items used daily such as arts supplies, games, school supplies, athletic equipment, educational software and games, food for holiday parties, holiday decorations, gift wrap supplies (wrap, tape, scissors, labels), Legos/Mega Bloks, science kits, etc. Items may vary depending on club; contact Nic Freeman for more information at nfreeman@bgccf.org.



Elevate Orlando

www.elevateorlando.org

2700 Westhall Ln #138

Maitland, FL 32751

Phone: 321-203-4403



Contact: Amy Schipper, Donor Relations Coordinator

Email: aschipper@elevateorlando.org

Mission: To equip urban youth to graduate with a plan for the future.

Holiday Donation List:

- School supplies
- Gift cards for guest speakers
- Sponsor a middle school event (bring lunch to their school)
- Discount cards for various restaurants (ELEVATE Cards)
- Gift cards for straight "A" students
- Knocker Ball Set
- Sporting equipment (Basketball, Football, Dodge Ball, Tennis, etc.)
- Art Supplies (canvases, paint, paintbrushes, coloring books, posters, markers, color pencils, crayons, stencils)
- Picnic basket
- Reusable bags
- Assorted kid/teen movies (rated G, PG or PG-13)
- Portable DVD player
- Teen Books
- Darts game set
- Teacher Planners/Agendas (Organizing Tools)
- Expo (Dry Easer Markers)
- Index cards
- Adult scissors
- Igloo 5-gallon heavy duty beverage coolers
- Professional Megaphones w/ Siren and Voice recorder
- 5 Outdoor folding tables
- 4 three-gallon beverage dispensers
- Professional camera
- Portable Outdoor HIGH VOLUME Bluetooth speakers
- Bluetooth microphones
- Tents and sleeping bags (5 tents/30 sleeps bags)
- 5 Max Outdoor collapsible folding outdoor wagons
- 10 Magna Cart Personal 150-250 lbs Capacity Aluminum dolly
- Walkie Talkies

Holiday Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers can attend holiday parties hosted by Elevate at their partner schools. Those dates could be determined based on schedules. Please contact Amy Schipper for further information at aschipper@elevateorlando.org.



Winter Park Day Nursery 🚗 🧤

<http://www.wpdnursery.org>

741 S. Pennsylvania Avenue

Winter Park, FL 32789

Phone: 407-647-0505

Contact: Crystal Levsen, Director of Administration

Email: crystal@wpdaynursery.org

Mission: The Winter Park Day Nursery provides a secure, nurturing and educational environment that is affordable and supports family diversity.

Holiday Donation List:

Pantry Needs

- Boxed juice drinks – Honest Tea, Juicy Juice, Gatorade
- Canned fruits, vegetables, and soups - applesauce, corn, green beans
- Canned meats - tuna and chicken
- Pasta sauce - all kinds
- Pasta - Chef Boyardee, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti, ziti, shells
- Peanut butter and jelly or honey
- Bread –sandwich bread, rolls, hot dog and hamburger buns
- Crackers - favorites include: Goldfish, Ritz, and saltines
- Breakfast items – cereal, granola bars, oatmeal, pancakes, Pop Tarts
- Meal-kits – taco kits and Hamburger Helper
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Shampoo and soap
- Tissue, toilet paper and baby wipes
- First aid supplies - hand sanitizer
- Cleaning supplies - Lysol wipes, laundry detergent and sponges
- Pull-ups and underwear sizes 2 through 5 (always needed) *

Unwrapped Holiday Gifts Age 2-5 (2 weeks before Christmas)

- Dolls and Doll Clothes/Accessories
- Games
- Cars/Trucks/Vehicles
- Bubbles
- Playdough
- Action Figures
- Legos
- Dress-up clothes/Jewelry
- Art Supplies
- Activity/Coloring Books

Holiday Volunteer Opportunities:

- There are volunteer opportunities for spending time in the classrooms with children or manning the Holiday Store. Contact Megan at 407-647-0505 or megan@wpdaynursery.org for more information.
- Volunteers needed for a holiday program on December 15, 2017 (3:00pm-6:00pm) where help is needed to set-up, usher, pass out refreshments, and clean-up.

Health



Community Based Care of Central Florida 🚚 🧤 🍲

www.protectandinspire.org

4001 Pelee St.

Orlando, FL 32817

Phone: 407-690-7490

Contact: Sharon Nelson, Sr Community Relations Manager

Email: sharon.nelson@cbccfl.org

Mission: It is the mission of CBC of Central Florida that all families in Central Florida are able to safely care for their children by engaging, protecting and inspiring every child, every day. We accomplish this mission by developing and managing a comprehensive, coordinated, community-based system of care for abused, neglected and abandoned children and their families.

Holiday Donations: CBC is accepting toys for all ages.

Holiday Volunteering and Meal Opportunities: Volunteers are needed on December 20, between noon and 6pm, to help with all aspects of the toy distribution party at the Orlando Science Center. This includes set up and clean up, toy selection, child care, etc. Please contact Sharon Nelson for more information at sharon.nelson@cbccfl.org.

Healthy Start Coalition of Orange County 🚚

www.healthystartorange.org

1040 Woodcock Rd, Ste 215

Orlando, FL 32803

Phone: 407-228-1478

Contact: Linda Sutherland

Email: linda@healthystartorange.org

Mission: The Healthy Start Coalition of Orange County's mission is to improve maternal and child health in Orange County through community partnerships.

Holiday Donation List:

- Diapers
- Wipes
- Car seats
- Pack and plays



United Cerebral Palsy of Central Florida



www.ucpcf.org
3305 S. Orange Ave.
Orlando, FL 32806
Phone: 407-852-3332

Contact: Natasha Jones, Community Engagement Manager

Email: njones@ucpcf.org

Mission: To empower children with and without disabilities to achieve their potential by providing individualized support, education and therapy services in an inclusive environment.

Holiday Donation List:

General: Christmas tree and decorations, holiday meal items, gift cards to Target or Walmart

Unwrapped Children Gift Ideas

Infants and Toddlers

- Textured books
- Blocks
- Light up toys
- Musical toys
- Toddler trucks & cars
- Toy phones
- Diapers
- Blankets

Children Under Age 5

- Pop up toys
- Interactive games
- Building blocks
- Action figures
- Dolls
- Toy cars
- Play-doh
- Washable markers
- Crayons & coloring books
- Bubbles

Children Ages 6-10

- Washable markers
- Colored pencils or paints
- Wooden kits & models
- Board games
- Hand-held video games
- Craft kits, beading kits, dress up kits & costumes
- Instruments

Adolescents

- Word search
- Activity books
- Sports balls
- Card games
- MP3 players
- Instruments
- Model kits
- Make up kits

BETA Wish List (Program for pregnant and parenting teen mothers)

- Formula (Enfamil brand only)
- Diapers (newborn to size 6)
- Baby wipes
- Bottles
- Sippy cups
- Baby soap & shampoo

Alleviating Hunger & Homelessness



Catholic Charities of Central Florida



www.cflcc.org

1771 N Semoran Blvd

Orlando, FL 32807

Phone: 407-658-1818

Contact: Carly Mathews, Manager of Mission Effectiveness

Email: carly.mathews@cflcc.org

Mission: To provide vital social services to people in need regardless of their religious, social or economic background; to improve lives of individuals, families and the community.

Holiday Donations Items:

- **School supplies** for the ESL and refugee clients: pencils, pens, notebooks, colored pencils/crayons, scissors, etc.
- **Canned goods/nonperishable items** for the food pantry, especially proteins and seasonal items like peanut butter, tuna, beans, cranberries, pumpkin, etc.
- **Gift cards** to gas stations and general stores like Walmart, Target, etc., so that families can be empowered to buy their children necessities and gifts during the holiday season through the "Cards for Caring" program

Holiday "Adopt-A" Listings: Catholic Charities has several families that could use help this holiday season. For specific families with specific wish lists, please contact Carly Mathews at carly.mathews@cflcc.org for more information. They generally have 15-30 families available to adopt with kids from ages 0-18.

Holiday Volunteering Opportunities: Mission Market is an ongoing volunteer opportunity with shifts available M-F, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. They prefer volunteers stay for the entirety of the shift. Volunteers help sort, pack, stock and distribute food to those in need. There are three different positions within the market: Stocking volunteers, Counter volunteers, and Ambassador volunteers. Available to volunteers ages 10 and older. Visit their website to sign up for shifts.



Christian Service Center for Central Florida, Inc.



www.christianservicecenter.org

803 W. Central Blvd.

Orlando, FL 32805

Phone: 407-425-2523

Contact: Amy Bryant, Volunteer Coordinator

Email: abryant@christianservicecenter.org

Mission: To prevent homelessness, combat poverty, cultivate self-sufficiency, restore hope and glorify God through the faithful provision of services that directly address physical, emotional and spiritual needs for families and individuals who are struggling in Central Florida.

Holiday Donation List:

Nonperishable Food

- Canned meats & tuna fish
- Pancakes mix & syrup
- Boxed cereal
- Canned pork & beans
- Shelf stable milk & nonfat dry milk
- Canned fruit
- Canned soup
- Bottled water & beverages
- Mac & cheese
- Peanut butter & jelly
- Rice/pasta/spaghetti/spag hetti sauce

New and Reusable Clothing

- Men's jeans
- Men's black pants
- Men's shorts
- Men's belts
- Men's shoes
- Men's new socks & underwear
- Men's work clothes
- Women's new underwear
- Women's tennis shoes
- Women's plus sizes
- Children's new underwear (all sizes)
- Diapers (all sizes)

Household Goods

- Reading glasses
- Sunglasses
- Umbrellas
- Fingernail clippers
- Everyday kitchen items
- Children's eating utensils & sippy cups
- Backpacks
- Rolling suitcases
- Travel size hygiene items

NOT ACCEPTED

- Furniture
- Old TVs, VCRs, or stereos
- Major appliances
- Old computers or office machinery
- Expired food

Holiday Meal Opportunity: Daily Bread groups are scheduled in advance and should email Amy Bryant directly at abryant@christianservicecenter.org for scheduling and further information.



Harbor House

www.harborhousefl.com

Confidential location

Phone: 407-703-2866



Contact: Darlene Kaiser, Volunteer Coordinator

Email: dkaiser@harborhousefl.com

Mission: Harbor House seeks to eliminate domestic violence in Central Florida by providing safety, shelter, empowerment, education and justice.

Holiday Donation List: Items can be delivered or picked up from now until *December 15*. Call Darlene Kaiser to schedule (407-703-2866). Please note: Harbor House will only pick up from groups, not individuals.

- Gift cards to purchase cold food and meat
 - Publix
 - Target
 - Walmart
 - Any grocery store
- Canned foods
 - Vegetables
 - Meats
 - Fruits
 - Beans
 - Potatoes
 - Cranberry sauce
- Mashed potatoes packets or boxes
- Stuffing mix
- Gravy
- Bread mixes, biscuits or roll mixes
- Canned fruit pie fillings/ pie crust mix



Jewish Family Services of Greater Orlando



www.jfsorlando.org

2100 Lee Rd #A

Winter Park, FL 32789

Phone: 407-644-7593

Contact: Amanda Benedit, Development Coordinator

Email: amanda.benedit@jfsorlando.org

Mission: The mission of Jewish Family Services of Greater Orlando, Inc. is to provide vital, high quality and innovative social services to people in need. Services are provided to the community regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, age, gender or disability.

Holiday Donation List: Donations will be accepted from *November 1 – November 30* and can be dropped off at the JFS Orlando's office from 8 A.M. -6 P.M., Mon-Thurs. They also accept monetary donations.

- Cereal
- Pancake mix
- Peanut butter
- Canned protein beans
- Canned vegetables
- Spaghetti/pasta sauce
- Pasta
- Canned fruit
- Soup
- Boxed mashed potatoes
- Mac & cheese
- Rice
- Canned tuna/chicken
- Snacks

Holiday Volunteering Opportunity: Kosher meals are delivered to homebound disabled and/or older adults during the holidays. Opportunities are on *November 22* for Thanksgiving & *December 13* for Chanukah. Volunteers are required to use their own cars and submit an application and background check. Contact Amanda Benedit for more information.



Salvation Army Orlando

www.salvationarmyorlando.org

416 W. Colonial Dr.

Orlando, FL 32804

Phone: 407-423-8581



Contact: Octavio Serrano, Director of Volunteer Services

Email: Octavio.Serrano@uss.salvationarmy.org

Mission: The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the Universal Christian Church.

Holiday Donation List:

Nonperishables

- Canned meat and tuna fish
- Breakfast cereal
- Rice
- Boxed mashed potatoes
- Pasta
- Canned soup
- Canned vegetables
- Pop top can goods
- Hamburger Helper
- Powdered/shelf stable milk
- Tomato or pasta sauce
- Canned fruit
- Granola bars
- Bottled water

Personal Care

- Razors
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Dental floss
- Deodorant
- Shaving cream
- Nail clippers
- Wash cloths and towels
- Sanitary napkins
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Soap
- Diapers (size 3-5)
- Baby wipes, baby wash, bottles, shampoo, powder, & swabs
- Hand lotion
- Hair brushes and combs
- Flip flops (all sizes)
- Hand sanitizer
- Body spray
- Hair clips and hair ties

Holiday Volunteering Opportunity:

Red Kettle Program

Responsibilities: Volunteers will ring bells and encourage shoppers to donate to The Salvation Army.

Locations: 29 Publix locations throughout Orange County. Please call 407-423-8581 for a list of locations.

Days and hours: November 10, 2017 to December 24, 2017, Monday through Saturday, except Thanksgiving Day, from 10am to 8pm daily.

Number of volunteers: We suggest two volunteers per shift, each working two hour shifts, with five shifts for a total of 10 hours daily. A person may choose to work the entire day. We need 10,730 volunteers.

Angel Tree Setup and Distribution

Responsibilities: Sorting and bagging gifts, setting up tables and boxes, sweeping floors, putting bicycles together, distributing gifts to parents, etc.

Location: 633 North Orange Avenue, Orlando FL 32801 (Orlando Sentinel building)

Parking: Parking lot on Concord and Orange Avenue.

What to wear: Washable work clothes, jeans, organization's tee-shirts, shorts are fine. Wear comfortable closed toe shoes. Sneakers are okay. Warehouse might be hot so dress accordingly.

Days and Hours: From November 27 to December 13. Hours and shifts vary each day. Please call 407-423-8581 for a list of available shifts.

Thanksgiving Dining Feasts

Responsibilities: Set up dining room, tents, signage, roll up napkins and utensils, set up decorations, help prepare meals, breakdown dining room, wash dishes, sweep and mop floors, etc.

Location: 440 West Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32804

Days and Hours: November 21, November 22, November 24 8am-12pm

Number of volunteers: Nov 21: 25 per shift; Nov 22: 25 per shift, Nov 24: 50 per shift. Total of 150.



Seniors First

www.seniorsfirstinc.org
5395 L.B. McLeod Road
Orlando, FL 32811.
Phone: 407-615-8979



Contact: Katherine Brown, Director of Special Events and Communications

Email: kbrown@seniorsfirstinc.org

Mission: To care for needy seniors through in home services such as Meals on Wheels, homemaker, personal care and medical equipment to name a few.

Holiday Donation List:

Seniors First Holiday Gift Drive: “Operation Warm Fuzzies”

In a perfect world, every senior citizen would be loved and well cared for but the reality is, the holidays can be a lonely time for seniors. This year our goal is to collect 1,400 cozy throw blankets for our senior citizens. Donations may be dropped off at the Turkey Trot 5k or any of 4 other locations now through December 1. Complete details are available here: <http://bit.ly/2j9nkJT>

Holiday Volunteer Opportunity:

28th Annual Seniors First Turkey Trot 5k

Date: Thanksgiving morning (11/23/17)

Time: 7am costume contest and day-of registrations; 8am 5k run/walk (Event is over by 10am)

Location: Lake Eola - Corner of Robinson and Eola Dr.

Website: www.TurkeyTrotOrlando.com

Volunteers are needed to help in the following areas: set up, registration, t-shirt sales and donation tables, finish line. For details and application: <http://bit.ly/2yqjRlj>

Financial Stability



4C Head Start/ Early Head Start/CCP



www.4cflorida.org
3500 W. Colonial Dr.
Orlando, FL 32808
Phone: 407-522-2252

Contact: Shantara Gibson, Family and Community Partnership Coordinator

Email: sgibson@4cflorida.org

Mission: To be a community leader in providing high quality services that improves the lives of children and families.

Holiday Donation List: Toys and books for children 0-5 years of age and transportation gift cards

Holiday “Adopt-A” List: Provide gifts and/or books for a family and/or children. Please contact Shantara Gibson for more information at sgibson@4cflorida.org.



IMPOWER



www.impowerfl.org
3157 N. Alafaya Trail
Orlando, FL 32826
Phone: 407- 215-0095

Contact: Amber Bachura, Development and Volunteer Coordinator

Email: abachura@impowerfl.org

Mission: Changing lives by protecting, counseling, teaching and inspiring individuals and families to reach their full potential.

Holiday Donation List: Deadline to deliver donations is *December 9, 2017*

Infants/Toddlers	Pre-School	School Aged	Pre-Teens & Teenagers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bath toys Sensory & stacking toys Learning toys Toys with lights & sounds Large Legos Leap Frog toys & games Trucks & cars for children under 3 years old 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leap Frog toys & games Action figures (non-violent) Baby dolls (all ethnicities) Tricycles Shopping carts & kitchen playsets Musical instruments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bicycles Arts & crafts sets Sketch pads Remote control cars/trucks Princess dolls & items Sports clothing & hats Sports balls Baseball gloves Lego sets Board games Video games 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bicycles iPods & docking stations Digital cameras Jewelry Nail polish sets Bath & body sets Popular CDs (edited versions) Card games & board games Sports clothing & equipment Gift cards

Holiday “Adopt-A” List: Request one or more wish list(s) for specific children or youth. We'll provide you the list(s) and you do the shopping! Email abachura@impowerfl.org for a wish list.



Orlando Neighborhood Improvement Corporation 🚧 🧤

www.orlandoneighborhood.org

101 South Terry Ave.

Orlando, FL 32805

Phone: 407- 648-1623

Contact: Hailee Keisling, Program Coordinator

Email: keisling@orlandoneighborhood.org

Mission: To be the leader in Central Florida in providing stable, thriving communities of opportunity through quality, affordable housing, with engaged residents in a service-enriched environment.

Holiday Donation List:

- Food baskets or boxes
- Non-perishable food
- Grocery gift certificates
- Gift cards (Publix, Walmart, Target, Gas/bus passes)
- Non-gendered toys for children of all ages
- Educational toys
- Movie gift cards
- Books
- Clothing for families
- Shoes
- Household items
- Kitchenware
- Kitchen appliances (toasters, blenders, crockpot, etc.)
- Care package items

Holiday Volunteering Opportunity: ONIC Holiday Banquet hosts almost 500 residents who are treated to a festive dinner, entertainment, and gifts for their families at the Rosen Plaza Hotel. The annual Holiday Celebration is a community building event driven by donations, sponsorship, and volunteers. If interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Hailee Keisling (keisling@orlandoneighborhood.org) for more information and for dates and times. Please note all volunteers must go through an orientation.



United Against Poverty 🚗 🧤

www.uporlando.org

150 W. Michigan St.

Orlando, FL 32806

Phone: 407-650-0774

Contact: Jalisa Hankerson, Volunteer and Internship Coordinator

Email: jalisa@upcenters.org

Mission: To serve those in poverty by providing crisis care, case management, transformative education, food and household subsidy, employment training and placement, personal empowerment training and active referrals to other collaborative social service providers.

Holiday Donation List:

Christmas Mall: United Against Poverty will be accepting donations of new toys and bikes for children ages 0-14 from now until December 6.

Hopeful Harvest: Food donations are being accepted from now until November 17 to give families a full Thanksgiving dinner for a low cost. The list includes: green beans, corn, stuffing, boxed potatoes, corn bread, canned pumpkin, cranberry sauce, canned sweet potatoes, pie shells, fruit filling (for pies).

Holiday Volunteering Opportunity:

- Events before Thanksgiving will be held on November 20-21.
- 'Tis the Week Before Christmas will be held on December 20-21.

Both events will be run in three different shifts: 9am, 12pm, 3pm with brief orientations held beforehand. Volunteers will engage in helping around the campus with general activities and helping in the grocery store by: stocking shelves, bagging, unpacking groceries, cleaning the warehouse, and organizing and cleaning shelves. Volunteers need to fill out an application on www.uporlando.org. Please contact Jalisa (jalisa@upcenters.org) for more information.