



HOLIDAY SHARING GUIDE FOR OXFORD COUNTY

Now is the season that local community organizations, businesses and places of worship are actively organizing holiday gift and toy drives. You can help these drives through donated items, cash donations, or by organizing your own drive with friends, family and co-workers.

We've asked local organizations to provide information about their drives and events to make it easy for people in Oxford County to give and help. Please contact any of these local agencies for more information about their programs and services.



GIVE HELP: Gift, Food, Toy and Pet Drives

Great Lakes ATV Club

Christmas in the Woods Toy Drive Innerkip Trails

Donations of: unwrapped toys, visit website for details

When: November 26 at 10:00 a.m.

greatlakesatv@hotmail.com www.glatv.ca

Oxford County Animal Rescue

Donations of: pet food, clumping kitty litter, pet beds, small blankets, leashes, collars, toys, gift cards, Canadian Tire money, monetary donations for veterinary expenses.

Where: 885 Nellis Street, Woodstock

When: Saturdays 10 am-12 noon, Thursdays 6:30 pm-8 pm

Contact: info@oxfordcountyanimalrescue.com

www.oxfordcountyanimalrescue.com

Indwell (formerly Homestead Christian Care)

Resident Christmas Campaign

Donations of: gifts or money donations

Where: 373 Blossom Park Rd., Woodstock

When: October - December 23

Contact: 519-539-2917

PeopleCare Tavistock

Food & Gift Drive / Pet Food & Toys

Donations of: non-perishable food items, new toys, canned or dry pet food and treats, pet blankets, bowls and water dispensers. Items will be donated to Tavistock Assistance Program (TAP)

Where: 28 William St, Tavistock (front desk)

When: November 14 -December 19, between 7 am-7 pm

Contact: 519-655-2031

Oxford County Libraries

Food for Fines

Donations of: non-perishable food items in lieu of money for library fines. Food collected during this campaign will be donated to local food banks and Christmas hampers.

Where: Any branch of an Oxford County Library

When: Months of December & June

Contact: For more information call your local library or visit

www.ocl.net

Woodstock Public Library

Food for Fines

Donations of: non-perishable food items in lieu of money for library fines. Food collected during this campaign will be donated to local food banks and Christmas hampers.

Where: 445 Hunter Street, Woodstock

When: November 26 – December 10

Contact: 519-539-4801 www.woodstock.library.on.ca

Make-A-Wish – Southwestern Ontario

Donations of: consider a holiday donation (cash) or give a tribute gift in honor of a loved one to help Make-A-Wish grant magical wishes to children living with life-threatening medical conditions.

Contact: www.makeawishwo.ca 519-471-4900 ext. 21

South Gate Centre

Donations of: Winter coats, hats and mitts for kids and adults

Where: 191 Old Wellington St. S

When: September 1 – October 31

Contact: 519-539-9817



GIVE HELP: Gift, Food, Toy and Pet Drives

Tiny Paws Dog Rescue of Canada

Donations of: dog food, pet beds, small blankets, toys, leashes, harnesses, towels, Canadian Tire money, monetary donations for veterinary expenses.

Contact: 519-285-5123

Oxford County

The Power of HOPE

Donations of: new pajamas & teddy bears (stuffed toys, excl. battery operated), new slippers, socks, bedding and quilts, bath towels, face cloths, knitted hats, mitts, carves, unopened toiletries

Where: The Comfort Guy, 604 Dundas St. / 976 Sloane St. Woodstock * Station Arts Centre, 41 Bridge St. West & Indigo Lounge, 265 Tillson Ave., Tillsonburg

When: Oct 1 – Dec 24

Contact: 226-228-1045 or Sylvie 226-228-8390

woodstockatpowerofhopeontario.ca/

www.powerofhopeontario.ca

DASO Domestic Abuse Services Oxford

Donations of: monetary donations, grocery store gift cards, size 4 diapers, new pillows and non-perishable food

Where: 975 James Street, Woodstock

When: Year-round

Contact: 519-539-7488 ext. 238

Woodingford Lodge(s)

Donations of: new or gently used iPods, iTunes cards, monetary donations

Where: 300 Juliana Drive, Woodstock; 52 Venison St. W., Tillsonburg; 325 Thames St.S., Ingersoll

When: Year-round

Contact: Woodstock: 519-421-5556; Tillsonburg: 519-688-4874; Ingersoll: 519-485-7053

Edward Jones /David Moylan

Christmas Food Drive

Donations of: non-perishable food items

Where: 594 Broadway Street, Tillsonburg

When: December 1 -14

Contact: 519-688-9591

Tillsonburg Physiotherapy

Donations of: Non-perishable foods

Where: 171 North St. E, Tillsonburg

When: Year-round Food Bank Box

Roots to Ends Hair Studio/ Tranquility Day Spa Toy / Food Drive

Donations of: new, unwrapped toys and/or donations as well as non-perishable food items to be delivered to the Ingersoll District Inter Church Group.

Where: 63 Charles St. E, Ingersoll **When:**

November 1 - December 16 **Contact:** Mary

Csenkey 519-485-1925

Maple Manor Nursing Home Coats for Kids Winter Clothing

Donations of: new or used, gently worn coats, mitts and hats for kids

Where: 73 Bidwell St., Tillsonburg

When: November 5 – December 2

Contact: 519-842-3563

Country Patchworks Fabrics and Quilts

Donations of: Personal hygiene for women and children at DASO (former Women's Emergency Centre)

Where: 515533 11th Line, Woodstock

When: December 1 - 23

Contact: 519-537-8753 www.countrypatchworks.ca

Customer discount for donations during holiday period

Unifor Local 88 Ingersoll

Teddy Bear Christmas

Donations of: new, unwrapped teddy bears, stuffed toys, sporting equipment or games. Collected items will be delivered to CAW Local 88 for donation to the Ingersoll & District Inter Church group and Operation Sharing Ingersoll

Where: 364 Victoria St., Ingersoll (Unifor Hall)

When: November 14 - 28, Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Contact: 519-425-0952

Kiwanis Club Ingersoll

Winter Clothing

Donations of: used warm clothing

When & Where:

October 10 - 15 from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. at

Fusion Youth Centre, 121 Thames St., entrance is off John St.

October 19 - 21 from 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.,

Oct 22 from 9 a.m. - 12:00 noon at Trinity United Church, 118 Church St.



GIVE HELP: Gift, Food, Toy and Pet Drives

Salvation Army Norwich

Angel Tree & Christmas Hampers

Donations of: new gift items for children 15 years and younger. Each child's wants and needs will be listed on *Angel Gift* tags hung on the tree. Christmas hampers non-perishable food items.

Where: 18 Main St., Norwich (Salvation Army Thrift Store)

When: Gift items must be dropped off by December 14

Distribution: December 20

Contact: 519-863-6375 or 519-532-2935

Salvation Army Norwich

Care & Share Boxes

Donations of: non-perishable food items, new toys, clothing and other gift items for all ages

Where: Drop off boxes can be found throughout Norwich at local businesses

When: November 16 – December 13

Distribution: December 23

Contact: 519-863-6375 or 519-532-2935

Salvation Army Tillsonburg

Coats for Kids Winter Clothing

Donations of: gently used or new articles of winter clothing, hats, mitts, boots, coats and ski pants. Need for larger adult sizes

Where: 155 Broadway St. (Upper), Tillsonburg

When: Year-round

Distribution: Call during cold months

Contact: 519-842-4447 or 519-842-3231

Salvation Army Tillsonburg

Christmas Hamper & Toy Drive

Donations of: food, new toys, cash and gift cards

Where: 155 Broadway St. – this location accepts donations year-round

Where: Town Centre - 200 Broadway St., Tillsonburg

When: November 21-December 24

Contact: 519-842-4447 or 519-842-3231

Salvation Army Tillsonburg

Adopt a Family: Please call to receive a family before donating

Donations of: food, new toys, cash and gift cards

Events: Families, individuals, businesses can receive specific information on a family in need for whom food and toys may be purchased for the holiday season.

When: November 1 – December 10

Contact: 519-842-4447 or 519-842-3231

Salvation Army Woodstock

Angel Tree

Donations of: choose an angel and you can purchase toys/clothing according to what is on that child's wish list.

Where: Angel Trees can be found at Wal-Mart

When: November 17 until all tags are taken. Unwrapped gift items must be dropped off by December 10

Contact: 519-539-6166

Salvation Army Woodstock

Care & Share Boxes

Donations of: non-perishable food items, new toys, clothing and other gift items for all ages.

Where: Drop off boxes can be found throughout Woodstock at local businesses

When: November 15– December 13

Distribution: December 15

Contact: 519-539-6166

Salvation Army Woodstock

School Food Drive Challenge

Schools are invited to join during November and December. Competition is based on the number of food items as ratio to student population. Schools with highest ratio will be awarded with a plaque for display.

Donations of: non-perishable food items

Contact: 519-539-6166 salvation_armyatbellnet.ca

Salvation Army Woodstock

Kettle Days

Donations of: cash

Where: LCBO, 959 Dundas St.; Zehrs, 969 Dundas St.; Sobeys, 379 Springbank Ave. N; Food Basics, 868 Dundas St.; Wal-Mart, 499 Norwich Ave.; No Frills, 391 Norwich Ave. Giant Tiger, 930 Dundas St.; Saturday Farmers Market, 875 Nellis

When: November 17 – December 24

Mon-Fri from 10 am-8 pm & Sat from 10 am-6 pm

Salvation Army Tillsonburg

Kettle Days

Donations of: cash

Where: Town Centre, 200 Broadway; Metro, 225 Broadway; Zehrs, 400 Simcoe; Sobeys, 678 Broadway

When: November 19 – December 24

Mon-Fri from 10 am-8 pm



GIVE HELP: Gift, Food, Toy and Pet Drives

Ingersoll & District Inter- Church

Donations of: Non-perishable food and toys throughout Ingersoll

When: November and December

Contact: 519-933-7730, Interchurch2005@gmail.com

Serving: Ingersoll, Thamesford, Putnam/Avon, Embro, Mount Elgin, Salford and Beachville

Scotiabank Tavistock Branch

Donations of: non-perishable food, new unwrapped toys and clothing (including outdoor winter items). For ages newborn to 18 years old. Supports Children's Aid Society.

Where: 23 Woodstock St., South, Tavistock

When: November 14 – December 7

Contact: 519-655-2939 ext.4400, shelley.kaufmanatscotiabank.com

Operation Sharing

Food for Friends

When: all year round (Woodstock & Ingersoll)

Donate a quarter when you shop Sobeys, Foodland, Rexall, Shoppers Drug Mart, Steve's Automotive, Giant Tiger, Food Basics, Pharmasave, Independent Grocer

Operation Sharing Woodstock

Coats for Kids Winter Clothing

Donations of: gently used or new articles of winter clothing, hats, mitts, boots, coats and ski pants.

Where: Donations can be dropped off at the following locations in Woodstock: Heart FM; Daisy Fresh Cleaners; Foodland; Sobeys; Oxford County Administration Building; St. David's United Church; Church of the Epiphany; YMCA

When: October 3 – November 18, Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Contact: College Avenue Church, 519-537-6062 or Operation Sharing, 519-539-3361

Operation Sharing Woodstock

Toys & Gift Items

Donations of: new toys and gift items

Where: 22 Wilson St, Woodstock (College Avenue Church)

When: Gift items accepted all year long. Last minute drop offs accepted during the last week of November to first week of December

Contact: Operation Sharing at 519-539-3361



GIVE HELP: Santa Clause Parade Drives (non-perishable food/new toys)

Ingersoll Rotary: November 19 @ 11 am

Non-Perishable food, new toys, socks and mittens

Contact: Rotary Club 519-485-0750:

IngersollRotaryChristmasParadeatgmail.com

Tillsonburg Kiwanis: November 19 @ 2 pm

Tillsonburg Firefighters Assoc. collecting food for the food bank. Contact: Dave Collins fcollis98@gmail.com

Woodstock: November 19 @ 6 pm

Non-Perishable food and new toys.

Don't forget letter to Santa

Contact: 519-537-5721 – Woodstock BIA

www.woodstocksantaparade.ca

Otterville: November 26 @ 11 am

Tavistock: November 26 @ 1 pm

Meet Santa – Free candy bags for kids!

Norwich: December 3 @ 1 pm

Contact: Township of Blandford Blenheim - 519-463-5347

Bright: December 3 @ 2 pm

Contact: Township of Blandford Blenheim - 519-463-5347

Plattsville: December 3 @ 6 pm

Contact: shelley.dick@schlegelvillages.com

Innerkip: December 10 @ 6 pm

Non-Perishable food and new toys. The

Innerkip Firefighters Association will also be hosting breakfast with Santa for kids from 9 - 11 a.m. at the Innerkip Firehall

Contact: Kevin Butler 519-469-9922

Thamesford: December 18 @ 6 pm



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GET HELP – Gifts, Toys & Clothing

Operation Sharing Woodstock

Coats for Kids Outfitting

Children from families in need can be outfitted with warm winter clothing. Parents and child(ren) must be present for outfitting.

Where: 22 Wilson St. (College Avenue Church)

When: November 18 at 8 am-4 pm & 6 pm-9 pm and November 19 at 9 am-12 noon

Contact: College Avenue Church 519-537-6062 or Operation Sharing 519-539-3361

Operation Sharing Woodstock

Christmas Place - Shopping

The Christmas Place, where inexpensive gifts will be available.

Where: 22 Wilson St. Woodstock (College Avenue Church)

When: Parents/Grandparents shop December 7 & 8 from 9 am-8 pm. Kids shop December 10 from 9 am - 12 pm. Contact: 519-539-3361

Kiwanis Winter Clothing

Winter Clothing: Outfitting

Where: Trinity United Church, King St., Ingersoll (West Lower Level)

Distribution: Oct 24-28 at 9 am-12 noon & 6 pm-8 pm, Trinity United Church, 118 Church St.

Salvation Army Tillsonburg

Coats for Kids Outfitting

Children from families in need can be outfitted with warm winter clothing. Parents and child(ren) must be present for outfitting.

Where: 155 Broadway St, (Upper) Tillsonburg

Distribution: Call when needed during winter months

Contact: 519-842-4447 or 519-842-3231

Salvation Army Tillsonburg

Christmas Hampers & Toy Distribution

Applicants must provide proper identification (birth certificate or passport) for everyone living in the house and all sources of income and expense receipts (rent receipt, copy of lease or mortgage, latest monthly bills/receipts). Ontario Works and ODSP clients must bring drug card. Also, a 30-day printout of bank account(s).

Where: 200 Broadway St, Tillsonburg

Sign-Up: Nov. 28, 30 & Dec 1 from 9 am-4 and Dec. 2 from 10 am-6 pm; clients will be provided their appointment when they apply.

Distribution: Dec. 21 from 10 am-7 pm, Dec 22 from 10 am-2 pm

Contact: 519-842-4447 or 519-842-3231

Unifor Local 88 Ingersoll

Teddy Bear Christmas

Event: Event sponsored by the Unifor Local 88 Recreation Committee. Free Food/Pop. Entertainment for the children and photos with Santa. Live music-open jam sessions in the lounge for adults.

Where: 364 Victoria St., Ingersoll (Unifor Hall)

When: November 27 from 1 pm - 5 pm

Contact: 519-425-0952



GET HELP – Food Hampers & Financial Assistance

Salvation Army Woodstock

Christmas Hampers & Application Dates

Applicants must provide proper identification (birth certificate or passport) for everyone living in the house and all sources of income and expenses receipts (rent receipt, copy of lease or mortgage, latest monthly bills/receipts). Ontario Works and ODSP clients must bring drug card.

Applications Available at: Oxford County Human Services, ODSP, Operation Sharing, CMHA, WERC, CES and Community Health Centre.

When: Hamper Applications can be completed between November 14-25, Mon-Fri from 1:30 pm-3:30 pm at 190 Huron St., Woodstock.

December 15 – Pick up your Hamper Day at The Salvation Army Community Church, 769 Juliana Drive, Woodstock (by appointment as on your Hamper Letter).

**** Bring Hamper Letter and ID with you. A ride home will be provided if you need it ****

Contact: 519-539-6166

Salvation Army Norwich

Christmas Hampers & Application Dates

Applicants must provide proper identification (*birth certificate or passport*) for everyone living in the house and all sources of income and expenses receipts (rent receipt, copy of lease or mortgage, latest monthly bills/receipts). Ontario Works & ODSP clients must bring drug card.

Where: 18 Main St. W, Norwich

When: Nov. 1 – 30 by appointment ONLY

Distribution: December 20

Contact: 519-863-6375 or 519-532-2935

Ingersoll & District Interchurch Christmas Relief Hamper Program

Applicants must provide proper identification, proof of income for each family member. Applicants will be provided date & location of pick-up at time of registration.

Where: Green Manor 111 Brock Street, Thamesford

When: Registration Date - November 17 from 1 pm-2 pm

Contact: 519-933-7730, Interchurch2005@gmail.com

Ingersoll & District Interchurch Christmas Relief Hamper Program

Applicants must provide proper identification, proof of income, for each family member. Applicants will be provided date & location of pick-up at time of registration.

Where: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church 56 Thames St. S., Ingersoll

When: Registration Dates - November 14 from 9 am-1 pm

November 15 from 9 am-1 pm

November 16 from 1 pm-4 pm

Contact: 519-933-7730, Interchurch2005@gmail.com

Ingersoll & District Interchurch

Provide emergency financial assistance: to those in need for rent arrears, utilities, some health and dental and some emergency food supplies.

Where: Ingersoll, Thamesford, Putnam/Avon, Embro, Mt Elgin, Salford and Beachville

Contact: 519-933-7730, Interchurch2005@gmail.com

Tavistock Assistance Program (TAP)

77 Mogk St. North, Tavistock

Tel: 519-655-3500

Email: tapisforyou@outlook.com

Web: www.tapisforyou.com

(Office Hours: Tue, Wed, Thu, 10 am-3 pm)

Neighbors helping neighbors, this is a community-based program supported by the community residents. TAP assists individuals, couples and/or families with a hand up during difficult times; this may involve a variety of services unique to each client. Serving community residents from Shakespeare to Hickson and the rural areas in-between. An appointment is required.



GET HELP – Local Food Banks and Free Hot Meals

Please remember to donate food items during the holiday season through local food drives. Purchase an extra bag of groceries and drop it off at your local grocery store, fire hall or at one of the local food banks listed below. Food items that are always in demand: infant formula, canned fruits and vegetables, rice, pasta and sauce, peanut butter and jelly, soup, crackers and tuna.

Food Secure Oxford www.foodsecureoxford.ca/Resources_Links.aspx

Salvation Army Community & Family Services

Food Bank

190 Huron Street, Woodstock

Tel: 519-539-6166

Email: salvation_armyatbellnet.ca

www.woodstocksalvationarmy.com

All year round, office hours 9 am-12 noon & 1:30 pm-4 pm.

Food bank Monday to Friday or by appointment

**** Due to Christmas Hamper distribution there will be no food bank between December 9 – January 3 ****

Salvation Army Services Food Bank

18 Main Street, W, Norwich

Tel: 519-863-6375

(All year round by appointment)

Salvation Army Family Services Food Bank

155 Broadway St. Tillsonburg

Tel: 519-842-4447

(Emergency Food all year round Mon & Wed-Fri 9 am-4 pm.

Works in partnership with Helping Hands Food Bank)

Salvation Army Family Services Food Bank

192 Thames St., S, Ingersoll

Tel: 519-485-4961

(All year round, by appointment only)

St. James Anglican Church The Lunch Bunch

184 Oxford St., Ingersoll

Tel: 519-485-0385

www.stjamesingersoll.com

(Wednesdays from October - May, 11 am for School Children & 11:30 am-12:30pm for Adults. If school buses don't run because of inclement weather conditions, Lunch Bunch will not occur)

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Friendship Table

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church,

51 Venison St., W, Tillsonburg

Tel: 519-842-3224 ext. 4

(Oct 12-Apr 26, Wed 5 pm-6:30 pm)

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul ~ Emergency Food

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church,

51 Venison St., W, Tillsonburg

Tel: 519-842-3224 ext. 4

(All year round, Thu 3 pm-5 pm)

Bullwinkles Eatery

Moose Family Centre, 690 Sutherland Dr.

Woodstock Tel: 519-539-3361

www.operationsharing.com

(Tue & Thu 11:45 am-1:30 pm, \$0.50 for those in need * \$7.00 for those that can afford the meal)

Operation Sharing ~ Morning Drop-In

College Avenue United Church, 22 Wilson St. Woodstock

Tel: 519-539-3361

www.operationsharing.com

(All year round, Mon-Fri 8 am-12 noon)

Operation Sharing Food for Friends

22 Wilson Street, Woodstock

Tel: 519-539-3361

www.operationsharing.com

(All year round, Mon-Fri 8 am-12 noon)

Operation Sharing Food for Friends

St. James Anglican Church, 184 Oxford Ave., Ingersoll

Tel: 519-425-2227

www.operationsharing.com

(All year round Mon & Wed 9:30 am-12 noon * 12 noon-2 pm by appointment)

Helping Hands Food Bank

55 A Broadway St., Tillsonburg

Tel: 519-688-3434

(All year round Wed 12:30 - 4 pm)

Community Kitchen

St. John's Anglican Church, 46 Ridout St. W. Tillsonburg

Tel: 519-842-5573

(Oct 22-Dec 17; Saturdays 11:30 am-12:30 pm)

St. Paul's United Church 88 Bidwell St., Tillsonburg Tel: 519-688-0011

(Dec 31-Apr 29; Saturdays 11:30 am-12:30 pm)

Adelaide Soup Bowl

First Baptist Church, 603 Adelaide St. Woodstock

Tel: 519-537-5261

(Oct-May; Mon, Wed & Fri at 12 noon-12:45 pm)

Inn out of the Cold

Old St. Paul's Anglican Church, 721 Dundas St. Woodstock

Tel: 519-537-3912

(Nov 14-end of March from 7 pm-7:30 am)



GET HELP – Community Luncheon, Dinners & Events

24 & 25 Nov - Christmas Decoration Exchange

Drop off unwanted Christmas decorations

Where: Woodstock Community Complex - Gym Club meeting hall, 381 Finkle St. Woodstock

When: November 24 & 25 at 5 pm-8 pm

Shop at no cost for "new to you" Christmas decorations

Where: Goff Hall - Woodstock Community Complex

When: November 26 at 8:30 am-11 am

29 Nov - CP Holiday Train

The CP Holiday Train will stop at **199 Winnett Street** (near Ingersoll Ave.) and is expected to arrive at **6:40 pm**; the event runs from 6:50 pm-7:10 pm approximately. Platinum selling Country star Dallas Smith will be performing this year.

The concert is FREE, but those who are able are encouraged to donate a non-perishable food item or cash donation to the local food bank.

www.cpr.ca/holiday-train/schedule-canada

2 Dec - Woodstock and Area Community Health Centre Holiday Photos

Holiday Photos: We invite families and/or individuals to come to WACHC to have a holiday photo taken. You will receive a free copy of your photo and copies of the images for you to keep.

Where: WACHC, 35 Metcalf St., Woodstock

When: December 2 at 2 pm-4 pm and

December 5 at 10 am-12 noon

Contact: 519-539-1111 ext. 215 to book your photo time

3 Dec - HELP Portrait – Tillsonburg Photography Club

Donations of: This is a worldwide event which the Tillsonburg Photography Club & Station Arts Centre participates in. Each year we offer a FREE portrait session to those who could not afford one otherwise. Participants will receive an 8 x 10 print. This event takes place annually on the 1st Saturday of December.

Where: Tillsonburg Station Arts Centre, 41 Bridge St.

When: December 3 at 10 am-4 pm (Please book your appointment)

Contact: 519-842-6151

8 Dec - Mason Jar Workshop

Christmas/Holiday Mason jar crafts, festive treats and lots of fun.

Where: The Livingston Centre, 96 Tillson Ave., Tillsonburg

When: Dec 8 at 1:30 pm-3 pm

Contact: 519-539-1111 ext. 206 (register before Dec. 7)

9 Dec - Woodstock and Area Community Health Centre Holiday Luncheon

The Every One Matters annual Holiday Lunch is free and open to anyone living in Oxford County

Where: WACHC, 35 Metcalf St., Woodstock

When: December 9 at 11:30 am-1:30 pm

Contact: 519-539-1111 ext. 215 to book

12 Dec - Woodstock and Area Community Health Mason Jar Workshop

Christmas/Holiday Mason jar crafts, festive treats and lots of fun.

Where: WACHC, 35 Metcalf St., Woodstock

When: Dec 12 at 1:30 pm-3 pm

Contact: 519-539-1111 ext. 206 (register before Dec. 7)

22 Dec - Woodstock and Area Community Health Centre Family Adventures

Holiday Style: Crafts, treats and getting messy in the kitchen: a holiday-themed program open to everyone. PLEASE REGISTER so we can ensure everyone gets a gift. Adult or mentor accompaniment required.

Where: Open Door, 909 James St., Woodstock

When: December 22 at 4:30 pm-5:30 pm

Contact: 519-539-1111 ext. 207 or 519-539-6176 ext. 351

25 Dec - Operation Sharing Woodstock Christmas Day Celebration

Free Christmas day celebration with games, buffet lunch, music and gifts. All Welcome!

Where: 22 Wilson St, Woodstock (College Avenue Church)

When: Christmas Day (Dec. 25) at 10:30 am-3:30 pm

Contact: Operation Sharing at 519-539-3361

25 Dec - Salvation Army Tillsonburg Feast of Friends

Christmas dinner for anyone who is alone on Christmas Day. No cost. Transportation in Tillsonburg is provided. Reservations are not required but preferred.

Where: 6 North St., E. Tillsonburg (North Broadway Baptist Church)

When: Christmas Day (Dec. 25) at 2:00 pm

Contact: 519-842-4447 or 519-842-3231

RSVP: if you require a ride, register by December 23

Dinner reservations is greatly appreciated.

Santa House & FREE Sleigh Rides - Woodstock

2, 9 & 16 Dec @ 5 pm-8 pm – Santa's House & Sleigh Ride

3, 10 & 17 Dec @ 10 am-4 pm – Santa's House

3, 10 & 17 Dec @ 12 noon-4 pm – Sleigh Ride

Last Chance: Friday Dec. 23rd @ 2 pm-8 pm



Things to consider when organizing food, toy and pet drives

1. **Decide on what type of drive you are interested in conducting.** Food, toys, cash, winter clothing or pet drive. Talk to people and organizations within your community to find out what is needed and where.
2. **Choose an organization to donate to.** Contact to find out when the donated items are needed, what is needed most, and delivery and/or pick-up details.
3. **Promoting your drive.** Create flyers that include the “what, where and when” details of your drive. Promote your drive in newsletters, e-mail and phone calls; post your flyers in local businesses/organizations; use Facebook, Twitter, newspapers, local radio stations, news and local websites. Are you going to conduct a drive that is spread out over a few weeks or a weekend/one day event? Come up with a good slogan like, “Let’s Bag Hunger,” “Paws for a Cause,” “It Makes Sense” (spare coin drive).

Drive ideas

- Dress Down Days
- Food for Fines
- Drop-off boxes on site or in a variety of spots within your community
- Store/business discounts
- Collections during special events: parades, birthday parties, holiday parties, game night or concert
- Specific food drive: e.g. macaroni Monday, tuna Tuesday etc.
- Fill a vehicle, bin, barrel
- Competitions: jar guessing game, most donations etc.
- Build something out of the canned goods
- Picture with the boss or principal
- Have employees/students vote with their spare change (or even dollars) on an agreed activity
- Decorate a tree with the donators name
- Create a raffle: day off with pay, tickets to an event
- Draws for parking space

REMEMBER: There are businesses and organizations within your community willing to support but may not be able to host such an event, ask for permission to place a donation box at their location.

Now that you are done: Thank your participants! They will be interested to know how much you collected, and how their simple gift made a difference in the lives of a person(s) in their community.

Shelters in Oxford County

Winter 2015-2016



WOODSTOCK

Inn Out of the Cold

For people 16 years and older seeking temporary shelter

St. Paul's Anglican Church

723 Dundas Street, Woodstock

November 14 – March 31

Monday to Sunday from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 a.m.

After 7:00 p.m.: Call Paul Arsenault, Coordinator, at 519-537-3912 (Old St. Paul's Church or 519-539-3361 (Operation Sharing)

After 11:00 p.m.: Go to the Woodstock Police Service station for escort to the shelter

Organized and operated by Operation Sharing, 519-539-3361, www.operationsharing.com

Temporary Emergency Housing

For people and families facing an immediate shelter or housing emergency.

Single-night stay voucher at local accommodations (hotel, motel, etc.) for individual people.

For families, maximum of 10 people, maximum six week stay.

Intake process is by appointment with **Salvation Army** at 519-532-2649.

After hours: Contact Woodstock Police Service at 519-537-2323

Provided by Salvation Army.

TILLSONBURG

Temporary Emergency Housing

For people facing an immediate shelter emergency who are 18 years or older, or accompanied by someone 18 years or older.

One to two night stay voucher at local accommodations (hotel, motel etc.)

Intake process is by appointment with **Salvation Army** at 519-842-4447.

After hours: Contact OPP Dispatch at 1-888-310-1122.

Provided by Salvation Army.

NORWICH

Temporary Emergency Housing

For people facing an immediate shelter emergency.

Single-night stay voucher at local accommodations (hotel, motel etc.)

Intake process is by appointment with **Salvation Army** at 519-532-2935.

After hours: Contact OPP Dispatch at 1-888-310-1122.

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PROTECTING YOUR HEALTH COLD WEATHER

HYPOTHERMIA: Shivering, exhaustion, confusion, fumbling hands, memory loss, slurred speech and drowsiness could be signs of hypothermia. Hypothermia is a medical emergency—get medical attention right away by calling 911.

FROSTBITE causes a loss of feeling and color in the nose, ears, cheeks, chin, fingers, or toes. Skin may become white or grayish-yellow, and may feel hard, waxy or numb. If you think you have frostbite, seek medical care.

SEE SOMEONE WHO NEEDS HELP? Call your local police service.



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