NEWS RELEASE 11/13/17

MARINETTE AND MENOMINEE COUNTIES CHRISTMAS GIVING PROGRAMS

Christmas Food and Gift Assistance Programs for Marinette and Menominee Counties are in full swing with registration at the following organizations. Families may only sign up with ONE of the following organizations who will assist the family; Releases will be signed at registration to allow the sharing of names to ensure only one listing per child/family:

* **Menominee County Department of Health and Human Services** serving children receiving services through DHHS, Registration letters have been sent to those eligible. Please call 906-863- 1417 or 906-863- 1418 or visit 2612 10th  Street Menominee to register.
* **The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) St. Joseph Conference** servingchildren from Marinette and Peshtigo School Districts can apply at the St Joseph Conference back office in the Marinette District St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store office, 1619 Main St. Marinette: Monday, Wednesday and Friday (10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.) through Friday December 1st.
* **The Salvation Army** serving any Marinette or Menominee County Family with food and gifts will take applications at 80 W. Russell St, Marinette. To be sure, children are placed on an Angel Tree at various businesses and the Pine Tree Mall, please register by November 15 (Monday or Wednesday (9:30 am – 3:00 pm). Bring Picture ID, Proof of Total Household Income, Proof of Address, and Social Security Cards for everyone in the household. Register.

If parents are unable to register during interview times, they can call

* St. Vincent de Paul-St Joseph Conference Helpline: 715-735-9100, ext. 106 and leave name, address, phone number and the best time to set up an appointment for Christmas Assistance
* The Salvation Army 715-735- 7448.

If residents want to help children/families in need, they are encouraged to adopt a child by selecting a gift tag from the Pine Tree Mall Christmas Tree and Jack’s M nominee Fresh Market for The Salvation Army and the Menominee County Department of Health and Human Services. To adopt from St Joseph SVdP Conference - please call 715-735-9100 ext. 106.

NEW toys, games, hats, mittens, under garments, socks, boots, coats, snow pants and other clothing will help families in the Marinette and Menominee County area. Collection boxes will be placed in local businesses, churches, and restaurants throughout area.

“Adoption” or assisting children/families (donor can choose how much they want to contribute and the extent of giving. example: food, toys, clothes, one item or an entire family with various components to Christmas by calling:

* Menominee County Department of Health and Human Services: 906-863- 1417 or 906-863- 1418
* The St Joseph SVdP Conference: 715-735- 9100 ext. 106
* The Salvation Army: 715-735- 7448

Please leave a name, phone number and desire to adopt a family or a child.  If age or gender is important, please include in the message.  The agency will provide you with a list of needs and wishes for the child/children.  Unwrapped gifts are to be returned on or before Tuesday December 5th for The St Joseph SVdP Conference distribution. The Salvation Army needs the gifts by December 12.

St Vincent de Paul’s Santa Workshop will be at Pine Tree Mall in the old Hallmark store area.  Moving in December 4th, then organizing and preparing for distribution the following week.  If you would like to volunteer to move St Vincent de Paul into the Pine Tree Mall or to organize the gifts, please send an email to  svdpsjcmarinette@gmail.com or call 715-923- 9549, leaving your name, phone number, and email.

Financial donations will be greatly appreciated to buy gifts for children not adopted, as well as for purchase food, certificates, gifts, movie passes, books, haircuts certificates, games, puzzles, socks, underwear and other Christmas items. Please send tax-deductible donations to:

* Menominee County Department of Health and Human Services-2612 10th St, Menominee MI 49858;
* SVdP St Joseph Conference-PO Box 563 Marinette, WI 54143-0563;
* The Salvation Army-Box 495 Marinette, WI 54143 or drop off at 80 Russell Street, Marinette WI. 54143

Please help make this Christmas memorable for our area families in need!

Respectfully,

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