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### Access Shelter

**2025 Holiday Programs:** Adopt the shelter, adopt a family, host a donation drive, become a holiday elf, or shop our Amazon wishlist.

**Serves:** Women and children in need of emergency shelter services.

[access-shelter.org/holiday](https://access-shelter.org/holiday)

### CANAPI

**Annual Campaign:** Donate or share resources.

**Serves:** Provides housing and support to those affected by HIV/AIDS, free HIV testing for the community, support to the LGBTQ+ community, and educational services.

[canapi.org/resources](https://canapi.org/resources)

### Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank

**Holiday Campaign:** Donate, start a fundraiser, send a tribute gift, decorate, run/walk in the Selfless Elf 5k.

**Serves:** 73,510 individuals, including 22,710 children experiencing food insecurity.

[akroncantonfoodbank.org/holiday-campaign](https://akroncantonfoodbank.org/holiday-campaign)

### ARC Recovery Services

**Toy Giveaway:** Help kids have a better Christmas season *on December 19, 2025, 5:30pm at 834 Grant St, Akron, OH 44311.*

**Serves:** Families in need of gifts for children for Christmas.

[arcrecoveryservices.com/about](https://arcrecoveryservices.com/about)

### Friends in Tents & Community Outreach

**Adopt a "Project 34: Homeless No More" Friend:** Donate items on Needs & Wishlists.

**Serves:** Individuals who have recently overcome homelessness and are beginning a brand-new chapter in their very own homes or recovery.

[friendsintents.com/project-34-homelessnomore](https://friendsintents.com/project-34-homelessnomore)



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### Good Samaritan Hunger Center

**Holiday Campaign:** Donate or volunteer at weekly food distributions.

**Serves:** Adults and children experiencing hunger & food insecurity, including weekend food for +3,000 school-aged kids during the school year.

[goodsamaritanhungercenter.org](http://goodsamaritanhungercenter.org)

### Haven of Rest Ministries

**Kids Helping Kids, Christmas Giveaway, Happy Birthday Jesus Party, Holiday Meals, Adopt A Family:** Donate or volunteer.

**Serves:** Men, women, children and families experiencing food insecurity and homelessness.

[havenofrest.org](http://havenofrest.org)

### Hope Meadows Foundation

**Season of Healing: Holiday Drive** to fund essential scholarships for life-changing equine-assisted therapy.

**Serves:** Local children, families, and adults who are struggling with trauma, grief, addiction recovery, or mental health challenges.

[hopemeadowsoh.org/support-us](http://hopemeadowsoh.org/support-us)

### Keys 2 Serenity

**Toy Giveaway:** Donate to help anyone in need of gifts aged 0-17 (kids must be present) on *December 12, 5pm at Quirk Cultural Center.*

**Christmas Party Sponsor:** Sponsor a child for \$25 to attend the Christmas Party.

**Serves:** Kids impacted by parental addictions.

[keys2serenity.org](http://keys2serenity.org)



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### OPEN M

**Christmas for the Love of Children:** Provide gifts, essentials and a lot of love to households that need it most.

**Serves:** Families experiencing food insecurity, children and families experiencing homelessness.

[openm.org/christmas](https://openm.org/christmas)

### Salvation Army

**Adopt-a-Child or Create-A-Christmas:** Provide toys or item for families & children in need.

**Serves:** Hurting people throughout Summit County, including at-risk children, struggling families, vulnerable adults, and more.

[tinyurl.com/SalvationArmySummitCounty](https://tinyurl.com/SalvationArmySummitCounty)

### South Street Ministries

**Christmas Store:** Donate to help create a warm, joyful space for families to pick out new gifts at no cost.

**Serves:** Families in the South Akron, Summit Lake, and Kenmore neighborhoods.

[southstreetministries.org](https://southstreetministries.org)

### Summit County Children Services

**2025 Holiday Programs:** Donate new toys, financial contributions, or gift cards for children of all ages.

**Serves:** Children and families served by Summit County Children Services (foster care).

[summitkids.org/holidayprograms/](https://summitkids.org/holidayprograms/)

### Summit County Continuum of Care

**Annual Holiday Dinner for the Homeless:** *Saturday, December 6, 2025 from 11am-5pm*, volunteer or donate.

**Serves:** Families and individuals experiencing housing and/or food insecurity.

[summitcoc.org](https://summitcoc.org)



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### Summit County Toys for Tots

Donate new and unwrapped toys, volunteer counting, sorting, or distributing toys.

**Serves:** Children in need throughout the community in Akron.

[tinyurl.com/SummitCountyToysforTots2025](https://tinyurl.com/SummitCountyToysforTots2025)

### The Deborah Anointing Foundation

**Holiday Hope & Warmth Drive:** Donate gifts, warm essentials, and household items.

**Serves:** Women and children experiencing homelessness, families facing food insecurity, domestic violence survivors, and individuals rebuilding stability after crisis.

[deborahanoointing.com/](https://deborahanoointing.com/)

### The Homeless Charity

**Christmas Giving Tree Social:** Donate suggested new/gently used essential items, gifters arrive at 10:30am on December 6 at 800 E Market St.

**Serves:** Anyone in need. Open to the public with no registration.

<https://tinyurl.com/GivingTree-Dec6>



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### The JADFA House

**5th Annual Christmas Present Giveaway by Just A Dad From Akron:** Festive, no-requirements community event where kids receive gifts directly & have holiday fun *on December 21 at 937 Kenmore Blvd, time TBA.*

**Serves:** Underserved kids and families, but all are welcome.

[facebook.com/thejadfahouse](https://facebook.com/thejadfahouse)

### Vantage Aging

**End the Wait:** Donate to help deliver nourishment, independence, and hope through Meals on Wheels of Northeast Ohio.

**Serves:** More than 200 older adults in our local community on the Meals on Wheels waitlist, experiencing food insecurity.

<https://vantageaging.org/endthewait/>

### Total Life Wellness

**Holiday of Hope:** Help provide a safe community for human trafficking survivors, especially during the holidays.

**Serves:** Anyone who has survived human trafficking, who often experience substance use disorder and are justice-involved.

[totallifewellness.org/specialized-survivor-services](https://totallifewellness.org/specialized-survivor-services)