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County Executive Shapiro shares local nonprofit Holiday Giving Program information

SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO—Looking for ways to give back this holiday season? Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro is sharing information on how residents can support local nonprofits this holiday season. Nonprofit organizations provide some of the most critical, life-saving care for those struggling with hunger, homelessness, substance use disorder, and other traumas. Participating in a local holiday giving program is an easy, thoughtful way to support both the nonprofits and the residents they serve.

Because there are hundreds of nonprofit organizations in Summit County providing a wide range of services to different clientele, you may not be aware of a local organization right down the street that supports a cause near to your heart. That's why County Executive Shapiro compiled a non-exhaustive list of Holiday Giving Programs for residents to browse.

"We are lucky to have such a generous community that truly comes together in support of those in need, as well as so many nonprofits that provide vital social services to these same folks year-round," said Executive Shapiro. "Giving a gift can be just as fun as getting a gift, so I encourage residents who want to give back this holiday season to think local and support a holiday giving program close to home."

Residents can find opportunities to volunteer in-person, donate toys and other much-needed items, or contribute financially on your or a loved one's behalf. A tribute gift to a local nonprofit might even be one of the best gifts for a friend or family member who has everything!

Some of the holiday giving programs include:

- **Vantage Aging's End the Wait:** Donate to help deliver nourishment, independence, and hope through Meals on Wheels of Northeast Ohio, serving 200+ older adults in our community on the Meals on Wheels waitlist.
- **Keys 2 Serenity's Toy Giveaway and/or Christmas Party Sponsor:** Donate toys and items to help anyone in need of gifts aged 0-17, or sponsor a child for \$25 to attend the Christmas Party.
- **Friends in Tents & Community Outreach's Adopt a "Project 34: Homeless No More" Friend:** Donate items on the Needs & Wishlists for individuals who have recently overcome homelessness.

For the full list, please visit <https://co.summitoh.net/HolidayGiving> or view County Executive Shapiro's Facebook at <https://facebook.com/SummitExecutive>.

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