

Holiday Gift Assistance Program

NEW PROCEDURE: Families in need of gifts/food should register at Hope's Door. There will NOT be a sign up through the schools. (See below for more information)

In an effort to streamline the holiday giving program in the South Wood County area for this year, a ONE-POINT entry system has been established for ALL families wishing to receive assistance from various organizations in the South Wood County area. That ONE POINT of entry will be HOPE'S DOOR. Hope's Door is a United Way affiliated organization that is under new management. Hope's Door works very closely with SWEPS (South Wood County Emergency Pantry) and North Central CAP (Community Action Program) services to provide families in South Wood County with needed assistance. If your family is in need of assistance during the holidays this year for food and/or gifts for ALL children (no longer just to age 13), please follow the directions given:

- 1. You must go in person to HOPE'S DOOR: 1430 2nd Street North in Wisconsin Rapids to complete an application. HOPE'S DOOR is open Tuesday & Thursday from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and Wednesday 5:00 - 8:00 pm.**
- 2. Bring with you:**
 - **Proof of address that is no older than 6 months old**
 - **ID and Social Security Cards for ALL adults living in the household**
 - **Proof of income- pay stubs, or some other proof of income.**

Note: To qualify for assistance, you need to meet the New Federal Poverty Guidelines which are listed here:

Household size	Yearly Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income
1	21,775	1815	419
2	29,471	2456	567
3	37,167	3098	715
4	44,863	3739	863
5	52,559	4380	1011
6	60,255	5022	1159
7	67,951	5663	1307
8	75,647	6304	1455

OR- have some emergency in your life, ie: loss of job, injury resulting in loss of work, serious illness , etc.

- 3. Complete the application process prior to NOVEMBER 20 to be guaranteed assistance this holiday season. (If you apply after Nov. 20, it cannot be guaranteed that there will be sponsors available to assist you.)**

Once you have completed the application process and have been accepted into the program, you will be asked to provide a list of needs for your family- clothing, gift ideas, family needs. Your requests will be given to a sponsor who will confidentially fill your requests to the best of their ability. While the program tries to provide needed items, it cannot provide all "wishes" on wish lists. Your family name and number of members will be shared with SWEPS so that a food basket can be prepared for your family size. You may opt out of the food basket if you so choose.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Conklin at hopes_door2100@yahoo.com or call 715-421-2622. We hope you have a great holiday season and if we can be of any assistance to help make that happen, please contact us.