Help change lives at the Rescue Mission!

Thanksgiving and Christmas are special times at the Rescue Mission. Every year, hundreds of individuals, groups, families and churches join us in reaching out in love to the hurting men, women and children we serve.

Our Holiday Needs this year feature opportunities to support our Syracuse and Auburn programs.

To learn the details or to volunteer for one of these holiday opportunities, please call the Holiday Center at 315-701-3898 between 9 am and 4:00 pm Monday through Friday, October 21st through December 24th.

The center will be closed the Friday after Thanksgiving.

Volunteer Opportunities

Holiday Donation Greeters
Welcome the public, accept donations and write receipts in two- and three-hour shifts weekdays starting November 6th. Volunteers should be capable of lifting, and alert to their surroundings. Please bring a book for slower periods.

Kitchen Helpers
Put the finishing touches and/or help serve the holiday dinners on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Meal Deliverers
Use your own vehicles to take Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners to the homebound. This is on average a two-hour commitment, made easier if one has a GPS device or Onondaga County map.

Meal Packers
Assemble Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for Onondaga County residents who are homebound due to illness or age.

Musicians
Play your own instrument to bring joy to mealtimes and parties.

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**Donate Items**

**Gift items needed** *Deliver by December 6th*

Items to fill stockings or drawstring bags

- Chap stick
- Coloring books
- Combs and brushes
- Conditioner
- Crayons/markers

- Deodorant
- Diapers
- Disposable razors
- Feminine hygiene items
- Hand and body lotion

- Headbands/hair ties
- Shampoo
- Shaving cream

- Soap/body wash
- Toothbrush and holder
- Toothpaste

**Handmade décor**

Including meal delivery bags, placemats, holiday decorations. Sew drawstring bags using pattern provided by Holiday Center.

**Holiday gifts** *Deliver wrapped by December 6th*

Gifts for our residents and clients will range from $20 to $25. If you prefer not to shop, make a monetary donation that will help provide gifts for this holiday season.

**Sponsor a family**

*Deliver unwrapped by December 6th with an itemized list*

Give a less fortunate family an opportunity to celebrate the traditions of Christmas. Gift ideas and clothing sizes will be provided.

**Undergarments** *Deliver by December 6th*

New men and women's underwear, ranging in sizes.

**Winter apparel**

New winter hats, gloves and scarves for men, women and children.

**Food items needed**

- Assorted candy
- Butter and margarine
- Canned goods (prefer #10 size cans)
- Turkeys and hams

- Baked goods such as cookies and fruit pies
- Items must be store-bought or baked at a health-inspected facility such as a church or school's kitchen. Deliver before Thanksgiving and Christmas
- Foil and plastic wrap, roast-size foil, roast-size aluminum pans

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**Holiday Donation**

**Drop-Off Center Entrance**

Deliver items to 155 Gifford Street and park near the main entrance (map below) between 9 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday starting November 4th.

Call the Holiday Center at 315-701-3898 starting October 21st if you have questions.

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**Help Spread Hope!**

Help us reach our goal of delivering 2,000 presents to children and families in our community. To make a donation, use the attached form, go online at [RescueMissionAlliance.org/HolidayNeeds2019](https://RescueMissionAlliance.org/HolidayNeeds2019), or call 315-701-3898.