

Cumberland Cape Atlantic YMCA

BLESS IT Forward



5th Annual



Holiday Donation Drive

As a non-profit charitable organization founded on Christian principles, our YMCA is proud to serve and support our community through our annual Bless it Forward Holiday Donation Drive. This program awards individuals and families in need with gifts, groceries, and household goods so that despite hardships they can be blessed and experience some joy during the Christmas season.

- More than **90%** of recipients have an annual household income of **less than \$30k**
- More than **50%** are **unemployed** or receive **Social Security/Disability**
- Average household size is between **3-5 people**

Real stories from people we have blessed through this program

I am a single father of three I am currently in need of gifts for my children I am currently unemployed these past few years for me and my children have been homeless living with family members in there our current situation around this time we were in the shelter I have just gotten a place this July my current income is from welfare this will be our first Christmas in our own home as a family together their mother is no longer with us she passed away May 2015 and it just have been hard for us ever since I want really appreciate the opportunity for my kids to enjoy their Christmas thank you and enjoy your day

Domestic violence victim. I suffer from PTSD and social anxiety. I've had a very difficult year. I have no income.

I work part time and at the moment i am the only one whose providing since their father isn't able to help out because of medical reasons. I am the only one in the house hold who is paying for all the bills and necessities for the home. There are times i have to pick and choose what bill i am able to pay when i get paid.I have to pay for laundry and there are times that i can't do laundry for my kids and myself because i can't afford it. I would really like to be considered for the program as i would love the kids have a good Christmas.

How can YOU help?

Be a SPONSOR!

As a sponsor your logo will be included in marketing for this program via social media platforms, our website, flyers, and member newsletters. You will also receive 2 months of advertising on YTV.

- \$1,000** (about 10 struggling parents will not have to worry about buying household necessities this month because of you)
- \$500** (about 10 families will have a Christmas dinner together because of you)
- \$250** (about 10 children will have gifts to unwrap because of you)

More ways to help

Be a DONOR!

- Make a monetary donation and we will do the shopping. Cash, Check (payable to CCAYMCA), or Credit/Debit Card accepted.
- You can also bring new toys/gifts/non perishable foods/household goods to our YMCA.

Be a PARTNER!

Be a collection site and encourage your staff, employees, and patrons to donate toys and gifts for kids of all ages, non perishable foods, or household goods:

(Laundry Detergent, Fabric Softener, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Body Wash, Individually Wrapped Paper Towels, Individually Wrapped Toilet Paper, Dish Soap, Sponges, Hand Soap, Disinfectant Wipes)

Important 2023 Dates:

- Donations/Collection Sites open between 9/17 – 12/10,
- All donations must be delivered to the YMCA between 12/1 and 12/11.
- Application Window for Recipients: 9/17-12/8
- Wrapping Days 12/18-12/20
- Recipient Pick Up Days 12/21-12/22

Yes! I would like to help. Please complete and email this form to msengage@ccaymca.org

- I want to be a Sponsor:** \$1,000 \$500 \$250
 I want to be a Donor Donation Amount: \$_____.
 I want to be a Partner

Cash, Check, or Credit/Debit Card – In Person to CCAYMCA Checks may also be mailed to CCA YMCA. Credit Cards can be paid over the phone with Member Services. Any questions, please contact Lynetta Uhland-Strange (ext. 140) or Donna Wells (ext. 116)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Business Name: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

At the moment my husband only working 2-3 days a week. im disabled and our house is failing apart.our mortgage is on a hardship program untill the end of the year.we are struggling to catch up with 3 kids.im blind ,my husband is dyslexic, my older son has adhd and asthma,my other son has dyslexic and add,and my daughter has Kawasaki disease

im legally blind I receive social security my husband works 2-3 days a week we struggled everyday to pay the bills and put food on the table our house needs to be rebulid and we cant afford it

Well I was in a car accident on October 30th broke my ankle I have three children at home and I can't work so there's no money coming in to help with rent bills or a Christmas for my kids I scraped together the last little bit of money I had to get them a Christmas tree I mean it's been hard I'm trying my hardest thing get back on my feet but I'm still in a cast and I can't work I'm struggling and I don't know what to do I'd appreciate it any help that you could help with my kids are 13 12 and 10 two boys and a girl

Being a full time student with a child in preschool has been a challenge. I travel five days a week to Stockton university which has caused me to spend a substantial amount of money on gas on top of household bills all with a once a month SSI check. Any assistance to my household would be a great blessing to our home.

My family is facing personal & Financial hardships after leaving an abusive relationship. We have no vehicle and are at risk of losing our home. I have no help with my 1 year old son. His father collects child tax credit for him but refuses to provide any kind of support. I'm struggling to pay my rent, bills & buy diapers. I won't be able to give my kids the Christmas they deserve this year.

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