Continuum Chronicle



Welcome to our community newsletter!

We are very excited to showcase some of the incredible work and resources within and beyond our Continuum of Care.

Please note that by featuring an organization or individual in our newsletter, the Homeless Alliance does not endorse any religious or political beliefs/stances of these individuals or organizations.

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READ ALL ABOUT IT: HOLIDAY RESOURCE EDITION



We know this time of year can be tough for people who are experiencing homelessness throughout Western New York.

During tough times, it is a reassuring reminder that there are people all over our community who have your back.

This edition of the newsletter is to highlight these holiday resourcesfrom Thanksgiving and Christmas meals, to holiday toy drives, to food and clothing drives and more.

COMMUNITY ACTION OF ORLEANS & GENESEE: HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Provides Thanksgiving turkey baskets, Christmas meal baskets, and Christmas toys during the holiday season for lowincome residents.

Gifts will be included with baskets with children.

REQUEST

-Thanksgiving Turkey
Basket
-Christmas Meal Baskets
and Toys Call:
585-589-5605 x101

Sign Ups End Friday, Nov. 21st

NIAGARA GOSPEL MISSION: FEED THE FALLS







Niagara Gospel Mission is hosting its annual Feed the Falls events around Thanksgiving and Christmas to provide hot meals to those in need. This Thanksgiving Day (November 27) and Christmas Day (December 25) the Gospel Mission will have free food and clothing available for those in the Niagara Falls community. Over 4,000 meals will be served this Holiday season!

The organization also runs a homeless shelter and a clothing closet and works with other organizations to distribute meals to first responders and military personnel on duty.

1317 Portage Road Niagara Falls, NY 14302 niagaragospelmission.org

NIAGARA FALLS HOUSING AUTHORITY: ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER



Currently in its 20th year, the Niagara Falls Housing Authority's Annual Thanksgiving Feast provides a traditional Thanksgiving meal (complete with turkey and all the trimmings) to those in need.

The event serves 300 children, youth and adults annually and is open to all Niagara Falls Housing Authority residents and deserving individuals and families in the Niagara Falls community.

Full Information to Come at NFHA.org

HEART, LOVE & SOUL: THANKSGIVING MEAL



Heart, Love & Soul will host its annual Thanksgiving Food Giveaway on Friday, November 21 from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM at:

939 Ontario Avenue Niagara Falls, NY 14305.

Guests are invited to line up in their dining room to receive holiday staples and extras to help make their Thanksgiving meal special.

TAYLOR'S HARVEST THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY DINNER



Taylor's Harvest will be spending the Thanksgiving by feeding the homeless in our WNY community.

The fun-filled day will include music, food, donations, giveaways and so much more!

Buffalo Public Library (Downtown)

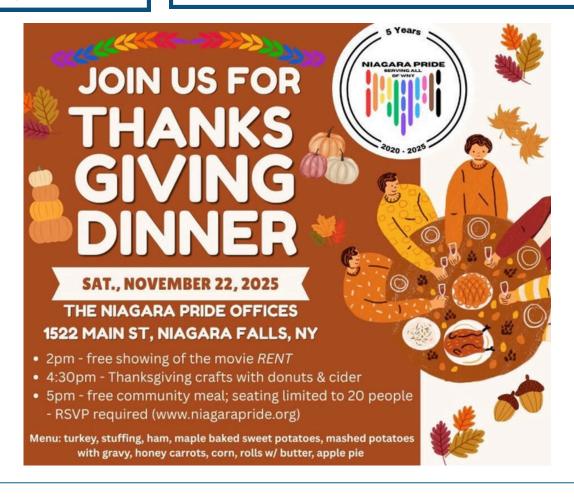
Nov. 23 | 11:30 AM - 1 PM ET

1 Lafayette Square Buffalo, NY 14203

BUFFALO CITY MISSION'S TURKEY EXPRESS



For more information and to reserve a meal TODAY visit: <u>buffalocitymission.org/thanksgiving-turkey-express</u>



ORLEANS KOINONIA KITCHEN THANKSGIVING DINNER



A free Thanksgiving meal will be served at Harvest Christian Fellowship on Thanksgiving Day!

> November 27 4:00 - 5:30 PM 560 East Ave, Albion, NY 14411

THE CITY CHURCH: THANKSGIVING DINNER

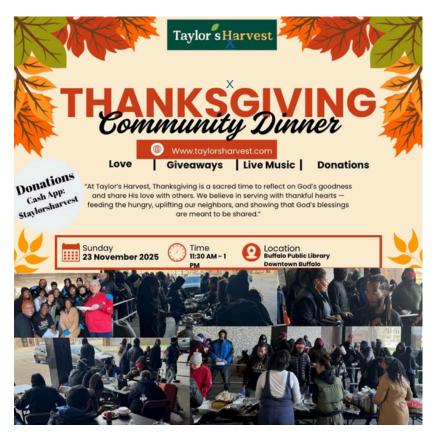


Enjoy a free, warm Thanksgiving meal on Thursday, November 27 from 10 AM - 12 PM (Noon), hosted by The City Church, located at 114 Liberty Street, Batavia.

Open to all residents of Genesee and Orleans County!

RESERVE YOUR MEAL!
Text the keyword THANKS25 to (585) 487-8100









1PM | NOVEMBER 23RD, 2024

(UNDER THE VIADUCT ACROSS FROM THE BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY)

WE WILL BE SERVING:

Turkey (& gravy)

Ham

Mac and cheese

Mashed potatoes

Stuffing (w/ cranberry sauce)

Green Beans

Corn

Dinner roll

Desserts & more!

PLEASE USE THE <u>SIGNUP GENIUS</u>
FORM FOR ALL FOOD DONATIONS!
THIS WILL ENSURE A SMOOTH
PROCESS ON THE DAY OF.

ANY QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT EVETTE @ (716) 828-6094







PRICELESS HOME DECOR 101 GRANT ST BUFFALO, NY 14213

IKE & BG'S 1646 GENESEE ST BUFFALO, NY 14211



PRICELESS HOME DECOR 3139 BAILEY AVE BUFFALO, NY 14215

NEW GOLDEN NUGGET 2064 FILLMORE AVE BUFFALO, NY 14214

NOV 27, 2025 11:00 AM

Join The Heroes for our Fifth Annual Thanksgiving meal distribution!

Pick up a FREE, hot meal at one of our FOUR locations!



Register to be a





6th Annual Turkey Dinner GIVEAWAY

For Veterans, Active Military & First Responders

Wednesday, November 26th
Pick-up starting at 10^{am}

First Come, First Serve 500 Dinners Available

Boulevard Mall

Niagara Falls Blvd side by the big B

















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20th Annual Rock Out Hunger November 18-25, 2025

Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital

Join 97 Rock's DJ Jickster as he lives on a FeedMore WNY trailer for entire week collecting donations of frozen turkeys, funds and food donations to nourish neighbors this holiday season!

Rock Out Hunger is located in the parking lot at Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital, 1540 Maple Road in Williamsville.

Thank you to our Rock Out Hunger partners: 97 Rock, Kaleida Health and 7WKBW!

97ROCK OPERATION: ROCK OUT HUNGER

For most in need food donation items and/or to make an online donation, please visit:

feedmorewny.org/get-involved/rock-out-hunger

FAMILY PROMISE OF WNY: HOLIDAY GIVING TREE



The organization's annual holiday Giving Tree Program matches community members with the families they work with to share a wonderful holiday gift.

All sign up forms and complete information can be found at:

fpwny.org/holiday-giving-tree

TOYS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

THE SALVATION ARMY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER 1000 MAIN STREET, BUFFALO, NY 14202

Sign up to receive FREE NEW TOYS FOR CHILDREN 12 YEARS AND YOUNGER with a walk-in or by appointment!

DATES TO APPLY WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

Thurs, November 13 | Thurs, October 30 Tues, November 18 | Thurs, November 20 Tues, November 25 | Tues, December 2 *Thursday, December 4 (FINAL DAY)*

APPOINTMENTS ONLY MON-WED-FRI: OCTOBER 27 - DECEMBER 5

PLEASE BRING: a photo ID, proof of residence, proof of income (last 30 days), social security cards for all of household and birth certificates for all children.

BUFFALOSALVATIONARMY.ORG

FREE HOLIDAY MEALS THIS NOVEMBER IN THE ROCHESTER AREA

For our friends and community members in Genesee County, the following free holiday meals are available in neighboring Monroe County and for those closer to the Rochester area than Buffalo.

Thursday, Nov. 20

St. Peter's Kitchen (681 Brown St.): 12 – 1 PM (Rosa's Thanksgiving Dinner)

Friday, Nov. 21

Eastern Orleans Community Center (75 Public Square, Holley): 11:30 AM - 12 PM

Saturday, Nov. 22

House of Grace (1101 Norton St.): 10 AM – 1 PM Newark Free Lunch Program (301 East Miller St, Newark): 12 – 2 PM

Sunday, Nov. 23

Barakah Muslim Charity (584 Jefferson Ave.) — 10 AM – 1 PM

Monday, Nov. 24

Covenant Table (1124 Culver Road): 4:30 – 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 25

Blessed Sacrament (534 Oxford St.): 5:30 - 6:30 PM

Wednesday, Nov. 26

Dimitri House (102 N. Union St.): 12 – 3 PM A Meal & More (25 Lawn St.): 11:30 AM – 1 PM Gleaners Community Kitchen (183 N Main St. Canandaigua): 12 PM (Noon)

Thursday, Nov. 27 / Thanksgiving Day

Cameron Community (48 Cameron St.): 12 – 1:30 PM
Open Door Mission/Samaritan House (210 W. Main St.): 5 – 5:30 PM
Geneva Community Lunch Program (340 Main St., Geneva): 11:30 AM – 12:15 PM
Orleans Koinonia Kitchen (560 East Ave., Albion): 4 – 6 PM

Saturday, Nov. 29

Dining Room Ministries (4 Meigs St.): 11 AM – 12 PM (Noon)



CHILD & FAMILY
SERVICES: ADOPT-AFAMILY PROGRAM

Child * Family Services

Each year, Child and Family Services' Adopt-a-Family Program assists hundreds of individuals served by their Agency who need a little extra help for the holidays.

With the support of partners like you, they provide gifts and essential resources to over 1,100 individuals served by our agency – families who might otherwise go without.

MATCH WITH A FAMILY
TODAY

TOYS FOR TOTS - BUFFALO





Collects new, unwrapped toys during October,
November, and December of each year for
distribution to families of children in need.
Distribution takes place through partner
organizations.

Families in need of toys and help for the holidays should call 211 or text their zip code to 898-211.

TOYS FOR TOTS BUFFALO HOMEPAGE
DONATE ONLINE | DONATE A TOY

THE SALVATION ARMY'S ANGEL TREE



Each year, The Salvation Army's Angel Tree program provides new clothing and toys to local families and children. This holiday season, they invite you to Give with Joy by supporting children and families who are struggling to make ends meet. Your generous gift from this registry will help bring hope, dignity, and happiness to a child who needs it most.

BUFFALO WISH LIST | REGISTER TODAY!

COATS 4 KIDS





Coats 4 Kids is an annual program created by Colvin Cleaners. The program gives back to the community in a way that WNYorkers desperately need - by giving the gift of warmth. Colvin Cleaners, along with other partners, collects winter garments from all collection locations, schools, churches and many businesses. To learn more, click here to visit the Coats for Kids website.

coats4kidswny.com

HEARTS FOR THE HOMELESS HOLIDAYS

The holidays seem to come and go so quickly! It is a busy time for Hearts for the Homeless; but, all the busyness is worth it to make sure our poor and homeless community has the chance to join in the festivities.

The homeless and poor will be guests at an annual Christmas Eve Dinner, a day of celebration, music, dinner, and more, put together especially for them. Hearts partners with the Buffalo Dream Center every year, to pick up the homeless and poor from five 5 locations and transport them by bus so they can enjoy a Christmas Eve dinner and celebration.

At the end of the Christmas Eve dinner, each guest is driven back to their bus stop; but, not before they are treated to a bag full of homemade Christmas cookies to go!

HOW TO HELP:

- **1. Host A Donation Bin:** Hearts for the Homeless makes donating space for a donation bin very easy.
- 2. Bake Cookies: 300 Dozen Christmas Cookies of any kind are needed for our Christmas Eve Celebration for the Homeless & Poor so that each guest can leave with a bag of homemade cookies at the end of event.
- **3. Financially:** Please help in continuing to <u>support the less fortunate</u>, or visiting our <u>Support page</u> for more ways to pay it forward. Your support changes lives.

SALVATION ARMY: RED KETTLE <u>CAMPAIGN</u>





The holidays officially begin when you hear the bells ringing beside Salvation Army red kettles!

The Red Kettle campaign runs November - Christmas Eve across hundreds of stores in the area.

DONATE VIRTUALLY | VOLUNTEER

BUFFALO DREAM CENTER: BOXES OF LOVE



Help the Buffalo Dream Center bless families in need this Christmas season!

REQUEST A TOY | FOOD PANTRY SITES

VOLUNTEER | DONATE | AMAZON WISHLIST

FOOD AMAZON WISHLIST

KIWANIS CLUB OF BATAVIA FREE THANKSGIVING SKATE



The Kiwanis Club of Batavia will host its annual free
Thanksgiving morning community skate on Thursday, Nov. 27, from 9 to 11 AM at the David McCarthy Memorial Ice Arena on Evans Street in Batavia.

Admission and skate rentals are free while supplies last. There will also be free hot chocolate.

ST LUKE'S HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS



St. Luke's Mission of Mercy will be feeding over 4,000 families this holiday season!

This year's bundle, available on both Thanksgiving and Christmas Day will include a voucher for a large chicken, produce, and a bag with dry goods (stuffing, corn, cranberry, sauce, etc.).

For more information on requesting a meal, please contact St. Luke's Mission of Mercy Ministries at (716) 894-4476

DONATE TODAY



BUFFALO JEWISH FEDERATION AND PJ LIBRARY BUFFALO: HANUKKAH PARTY



Join the Buffalo Jewish Federation and PJ Library Buffalo for THE BIGGEST Hanukkah party of the season!

FREE FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER!!

Candles & Cones: A Frozen Festival of Lights promises to be a delightfully sweet opportunity to celebrate, learn, explore, and connect with other local Jewish families.

PROJECT RAMADAN



Each year, "Project Ramadan" fundraises, assembles, and distributes baskets containing food items to help needy families during the holy month of Ramadan. This project has dispensed over 7,400 baskets to needy families!

Hundreds of generous and enthusiastic volunteers from across the city band together to make this initiative possible.

To make a donation, please mail checks to 8771 Fairbrook Court, East Amherst, NY 14051.

All checks should be made out to Project Noor and the "memo" line should read Project Ramadan Buffalo.



S ERIE COUNTY FOOD DRIVE

WHAT TO DONATE:

- Whole grain rice and pasta
- Canned soup, vegetables, fruit
- Canned tuna, chicken, salmon
- Canned or dried beans
- Smooth peanut butter
- Shelf-stable milk
- Canned tomato products
- Seasonings and spices
- Cooking oils
- Baby food, formula & diapers
- Pet food







WHERE TO DONATE:

Rath Building
Old County Hall
Lincoln Building
Appletree Business Park
Public Safety Campus
503 Kensington
608 William

Look for FeedMore WNY bins.





FeedMóre wny

HEARTS FOR THE HOMELESS: THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS



COMPLETE INFORMATION AT HEARTSFORTHEHOMELESS.ORG

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

DECEMBER 6TH 3 SEATINGS 9:00, 10:00 AND 11:00

CALL OR TEXT NICOLE FOR RESERVATIONS

585-230-9349

MASON LODGE 39 PLATT STREET | ALBION, NY

COME JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST WITH SANTA, COOKIE DECORATING AND FACE PAINTING





PLEASE JOIN US

letters to Santa and a Christmas craft with Mrs



NOVEMBER

29

1-3 PM

ADMISSION FEE: ONE NON PERISHABLE ITEM PER PERSON FOR THE KOINONIA KITCHEN

INCLUDES A ORNAMENT TO TAKE HOME FREE POPCORN & HOT CHOCOLATE BAR







Interested in adopting a family, man, woman, or child in need this holiday season?

Be a Blessing Buffalo has over 100 individuals and families on our waiting list—with more added every day. Your support can bring warmth, joy, and hope to someone who truly needs it.

Want more information or ready to help?

Visit: www.BeABlessingBuffalo.org Email: BeABlessingBuffalo@gmail.com









Adopt a Family for the Holiday Season

Help spread holiday cheer to families in need this season. By adopting a family, you will provide essential items, gifts and warmth to parents and children supported by BPPN

How it Works

- Sign up to be matched with a family in need
- 2. Shop for gifts, clothing or household essentials from their wish list
- Deliver or drop off your donations to help make the holidays brighter for local families

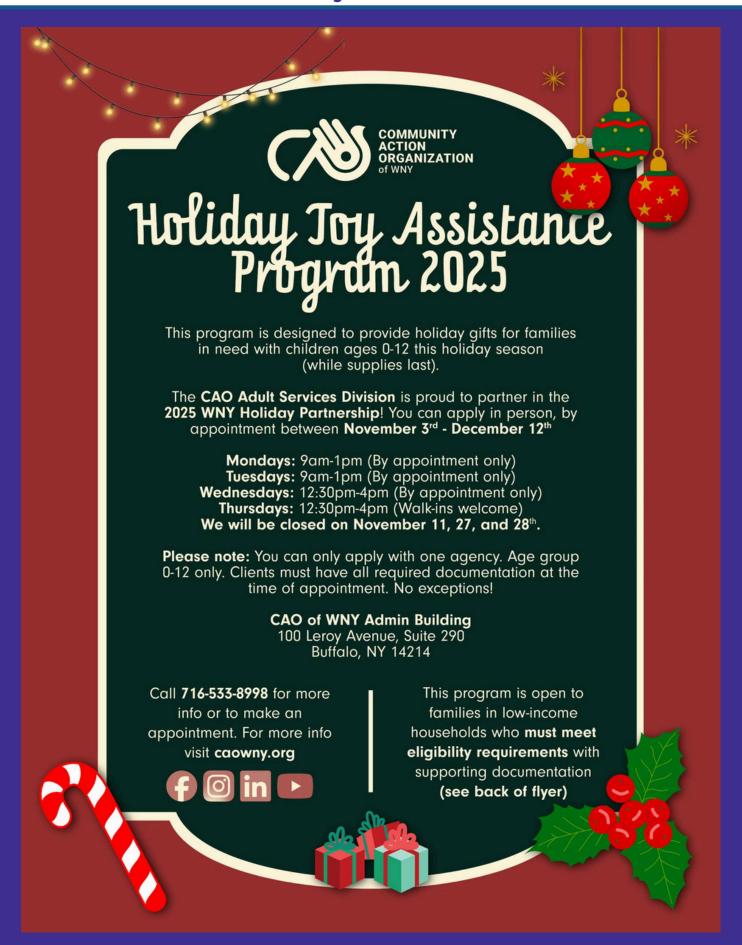




Details

Gifts are due to the BPPN office, 703 Washington Street, Buffalo 14203 by December 5th

Contact Info: LuAnne Brown at lb@BPPN.org







Join WRBS for the

Ilth Annual Christmas Feeding

SAT. DEC 28TH @ 1PM

(ACROSS FROM THE BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, UNDER THE VIADUCT)

SERVING CLASSIC ITALIAN PASTA DISHES, DESSERTS, AND MORE!

200+ STOCKING GIVEAWAY!

Featuring Christmas Carolers, Santa & his helpers!

Signup Genius link!

ANY QUESTIONS? CONTACT EVETTE (716)828-6094



JOIN US FOR

BRUNCH SWITH SANTA

Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025 • 11am-2pm BFNC event room: 2365 Main St., Buffalo

Enjoy a festive brunch, fun-filled visit from Kente Claus, Kids Activities Zone — PLUS...

NEW: Our Holiday Gift Shop allows parents to "shop" (free of charge) for treasures for their children (limits apply). Sponsored by:



For MORE Information contact Letrice Harwell at (716)852-5065 ext. 213

The event is FREE, but Registration is required by 11/4/2025 https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/brunch-with-santa-5





Presenting Sponsors:





Erie County CODE BLUE Information





The Western New York Coalition for the Homeless' Code Blue Collaborative has announced that The Buffalo City Mission will take over as the new lead agency this year!

This year's Code Blue Overnight Shelter will be located at 100 East Tupper Street in downtown Buffalo. It is **OPEN TO ALL MEN AND WOMEN** who need shelter during the cold winter nights and will provide shelter, meals and transportation to people experiencing homelessness throughout the area.

It will also serve as a daytime warming shelter (8 AM - 8 PM ET) when temperature or wind chills drop below 32 degrees.

For updates and to find out if a Code Blue is in effect: text "CodeBlueBuffalo" to 898-211 or call 211.



Niagara County CODE BLUE Information

Winter is here, and as temperatures drop below 32 degrees (including wind chill), Niagara County activates Code Blue to help those experiencing homelessness stay safe and warm. If you or someone you know needs assistance, here's a guide to shelters, warming locations, and resources available in our community.

Community Missions of Niagara Frontier, Inc.

Men & Women Only (No Families) | Admission begins at 8 PM; ID required. 1570 Buffalo Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY | (716) 285-3403

Niagara Gospel Rescue Mission

Men Only (Women transported to CMI) | Admission begins at 8 PM; photo ID required.
1317 Portage Road, Niagara Falls, NY | Contact: (716) 205-8805

Salvation Army in Lockport

Men & Women Only (No Families) | Admission from 8-10 PM. After 10 PM, go to Lockport Police Station (1 Locks Plaza). 50 Cottage Street, Lockport, NY | Contact: (716) 434-1276

Warming Locations in Niagara Falls Heart, Love & Soul

Hours: 9 AM - 1 PM | 939 Ontario Avenue | (716) 282-5687

Community Missions

1570 Buffalo Avenue | (716) 285-3403

John A. Duke Senior Center

Hours: Weekdays 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM | Extended to 8:30 PM on Thursdays. 1201 Hyde Park Boulevard | (716) 297-9324

Niagara Falls Public Library – Main Street Branch

Hours: Monday-Wednesday, 9 AM – 9 PM; Thursday-Saturday, 9 AM – 5 PM 1425 Main Street

Niagara Falls Public Library - LaSalle Branch

Hours: Monday-Tuesday, 10 AM – 8 PM; Wednesday-Friday, 10 AM – 5 PM 8728 Buffalo Avenue

Niagara Gospel Rescue Mission

Dinner Hours: 5:15 PM - 6 PM | 1317 Portage Road

NEED IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE? Contact the Niagara County Department of Social Services (DSS):

Niagara Falls: 301 10th Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14302 | (716) 278-8400

Lockport: 20 East Avenue, Lockport, NY 14094

If DSS is closed, call 211 for shelter availability or the Niagara Sheriff's Office at (716) 438-3393.

Genesee/Wyoming County CODE BLUE Information

GENESSE COUNTY CODE BLUE INFORMATION

When the Department of Social
Services is closed, the Genesee County
Sheriff's Office at 165 Park Road,
Batavia, NY 14020 acts to secure
emergency shelter placement for
homeless individuals, including during
Code Blue.

The Sheriff's Office is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and is open to all residents of Genesee County.

Call or Walk In to Access Services (585) 345-000

The Genesee County Department of Social Services also provides emergency shelter placement for homeless individuals in the county.

Contact them by calling (585) 344-2580 or walking in to access the shelter at 5130 E. Main Street, Batavia, NY 14020, which is open 24/7.



WYOMING COUNTY CODE BLUE INFORMATION

In Wyoming County, "Code Blue" refers to the county's emergency warming plan for when temperatures drop to or below 320

The Wyoming County Sheriff's Office lobby is open 24/7 as a warming shelter, where officers will provide assistance like blankets and food, and can transport individuals to a hospital or contact the Department of Social Services (DSS). DSS works with local partners to arrange temporary shelter in motels or other facilities for those in need.

HOW TO GET HELP

Go to the Sheriff's Office: The Sheriff's Office lobby at the public safety building is a 24/7 warming center.

Call for Assistance: Patrol officers will assist anyone they find homeless during a Code Blue event, transporting them to the Sheriff's Office or a hospital if necessary.

Contact the Sheriff's Office: You can contact the Sheriff's Office at the public safety building for assistance.

Contact the Department of Social Services (DSS): If you need further assistance, such as temporary housing, DSS can be contacted by law enforcement to help arrange it.

WHAT IS PROVIDED

Shelter: The Sheriff's Office lobby is open 24/7 during Code Blue events.

Assistance: Officers can provide blankets, food, and transportation.

Temporary housing: The DSS will work to find temporary shelter in local motels or other facilities when needed.

Other resources: Community partners may also provide additional resources like hats and blankets, and transportation to other warming centers.

Orleans County CODE BLUE Information

What to do when it's CODE BLUE

BELOW 32 °F

If you need a warm place to stay overnight, Oak Orchard Health, Orleans County and their Community Partners have a warm and safe place for you

Daytime Warming Centers available during normal business hours:

Hoag Library

134 S. Main St. Albion, NY

Lee-Whedon Memorial Library

620 West Ave Medina, NY

Community Action Eastern Orleans

Community Center

75 Public Square Holley, NY Overnight Warming Center, Open Upon Request

If you Need Access, Call: 585-340-1355

Location:

Christ Episcopal Church 26 S. Main St. Albion, NY, 14411



Thanksgiving and Upcoming Holiday Resources

ARE YOU A COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION WITH AN UPCOMING EVENT OR PROGRAM
TO HIGHLIGHT FOR THE COMMUNITY?

SUBMIT MATERIALS TO SCHAFER@WNYHOMELESS.ORG TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTTER!

THANKS FOR READING!!

CONTACT

Homeless Alliance of WNY 625 Delaware Ave, Suite #410 Buffalo, NY 14202 716-853-1101 wnyhomeless.org







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