



ESSEX COUNTY HOLIDAY SHARING GUIDE 2023

Your community guide to local gift and toy programs, food drives and holiday meals, making it easier to give or get help this holiday season!

CALL 2-1-1 FOR INFORMATION AND REFERRAL ON COMMUNITY, GOVERNMENT, SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, AVAILABLE 24 / 7 / 365!



Amherstburg Food & Fellowship Mission

PROGRAM	Gift & Toy Adopt-a-Child Christmas Program
ELIGIBILITY	Families with children 0-16 yrs; for Amherstburg residents only
HOW TO APPLY	In person only
WHEN TO APPLY	Must register by Fri Dec 1, 2023 , Mon-Fri, 10 am-3 pm
WHERE TO APPLY	298 Victoria St S, Amherstburg
CONTACT	519-736-9140

Goodfellows, Amherstburg

PROGRAM	Christmas Baskets
ELIGIBILITY	Amherstburg families needing Christmas assistance
HOW TO APPLY	Must call to apply and phone assessment is required; name and phone number of both caller and recipient is needed; proof of residency and other information is also required and will be asked for at the time of application
WHEN TO APPLY	Nov 22 – Dec 8, 2023 , Mon-Fri from 2 pm-5 pm
CONTACT	519-981-7401

Goodfellows, Belle River

PROGRAM	Christmas Food Basket
ELIGIBILITY	Low-income families at Christmas as determined by agency; residency requirements: Belle River, Emeryville, Maidstone, Woodslee, Comber, Stoney Point, Rochester Town Line
HOW TO APPLY	Call to register; must provide two pieces of identification which include name, address and apartment number, recent income statement, proof of residency (rent receipt or utility bill) and proof of age for each child living in the home
WHEN TO APPLY	Mon Nov 20 – Fri Dec 1, 2023
CONTACT	226-345-6686

Goodfellows, Kingsville

PROGRAM	Christmas Food Basket
ELIGIBILITY	Low-income individuals needing assistance during holidays; toys and gifts for children ages 0-15 yrs; Kingsville residents only
HOW TO APPLY	In person with proof of residency required and birth certificates for children up to 15 yrs
WHEN TO APPLY	Nov 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 2023 (Tues & Thurs only) from 10 am – 4 pm
WHERE TO APPLY	Epworth United Church, 56 Division St S (at Mill St), Kingsville
CONTACT	519-733-4239

REGISTRATION NOW CLOSED

Goodfellows, LaSalle

PROGRAM	Christmas Food Basket
ELIGIBILITY	Low-income individuals and families residing in LaSalle
HOW TO APPLY	Must call for an appointment; intake assessment over the phone
WHEN TO APPLY	Until Fri Dec 15, 2023 , Mon-Fri, 8:30 am-4:30 pm
DISTRIBUTION DATE	Info provided to clients at time of application
CONTACT	519-969-7770 ext 1247 (Roxanne)

Goodfellows, Leamington

PROGRAM	Christmas Food Basket
ELIGIBILITY	Low-income individuals and families for Leamington and area residents only
HOW TO APPLY	In person only. Those applying will be asked for a voluntary statement of monthly income and expenses.
WHEN TO APPLY	Nov 1 to Nov 30, 2023 , Tuesdays and Thursdays only from 1 pm to 4 pm
WHERE TO APPLY	111 Erie St N, Leamington
DISTRIBUTION DATE	Sat, Dec 16, 2023 (by delivery)
CONTACT	226-401-1753

Goodfellows, Tecumseh

PROGRAM	Christmas Food Basket
ELIGIBILITY	Low-income individuals and families experiencing financial difficulties; must reside in Tecumseh
HOW TO APPLY	Intake process is by phone only; leave your name and number on the answering machine; office hours vary
WHEN TO APPLY	Wed Nov 1 – Tues Dec 12, 2023
CONTACT	519-735-3698

Salvation Army, Essex

PROGRAM	Christmas Food and Toy Baskets
ELIGIBILITY	Low-income families in need, with children 0-16 yrs; for residents of Essex and some surrounding areas; must have identification and proof of income and expenses; must have ID for all children in the family (health card not accepted)
HOW TO APPLY	In person only
WHEN TO APPLY	Thurs Nov 16 and Thurs Nov 23, 2023 from 9 am-12 pm and 1 pm-3 pm
WHERE TO APPLY	26 Talbot St S, Essex (Community Church)
DISTRIBUTION DATE	Provided at the time of registration
CONTACT	519-776-4628

REGISTRATION NOW CLOSED

Amherstburg Food & Fellowship Mission

PROGRAM Holiday Meal
 ELIGIBILITY Everyone welcome
 DATE OF EVENT **Mon Dec 25, 2023** at 12 pm
 HOW TO APPLY Walk in
 EVENT LOCATION 298 Victoria St S, Amherstburg
 CONTACT 519-736-9140

Breakfast with Santa

PROGRAM Breakfast with Santa (meal and entertainment)
 ELIGIBILITY Everyone welcome, no restrictions
 DATE OF EVENT **Sun Dec 17, 2023** from 8 am to 2 pm
 HOW TO APPLY Call by Thurs, Dec 7, 2023 to register
 EVENT LOCATION 6155 Arner Townline, County Rd 23, Kingsville (Canadian Transportation Museum)
 CONTACT 519-776-8321

McGregor Squirettes of Mary (Sponsored by Knights of Columbus #2844)

PROGRAM Community Turkey Dinner
 ELIGIBILITY Open to all; monetary donations are appreciated and accepted at the hall, or you can e-transfer your donation to McGregorSquirettes@gmail.com
 DATE OF EVENT **Sun Dec 17, 2023**
 HOW TO APPLY • To book a dine-in time, click [HERE](#) to apply
 • To reserve a take-out dinner, click [HERE](#) to apply
 • To arrange a dinner delivery (only for those who are physically unable to drive up), call Rose Renaud at 519-776-5710 or 519-919-5318, or email roserenaud4@gmail.com
 EVENT LOCATION 9560 Walker Rd, McGregor (McGregor Columbian Club)
 CONTACT 519-776-5710

St John the Evangelist Anglican Church

PROGRAM	Christmas Day Dinner (takeout service or delivery for shut-ins during Christmas season)
ELIGIBILITY	Residents of Wheatley, Kingsville and Leamington
DATE OF EVENT	Mon Dec 25, 2023
HOW TO APPLY	Call by Thurs Dec14, 2023, 12 noon
EVENT LOCATION	60 Erie St N, Leamington
CONTACT	519-326-3111

Amherstburg Food and Fellowship Mission

DONATIONS OF GIFTS FOR New, unwrapped gifts and toys, fresh and non-perishable foods
Amherstburg families with children 0-16 yrs
WHEN TO DONATE All year, Mon-Fri, 10 am-3 pm
WHERE TO DONATE 298 Victoria St S, Amherstburg
CONTACT 519-736-9140

Community Support Centre of Essex County

DONATIONS OF Fresh and non-perishable food, money, grocery gift cards
WHEN TO DONATE All year, Mon-Fri, 8:30 am-4:30 pm (call ahead for large donations)
WHERE TO DONATE 962 Old Tecumseh Rd, Unit 4, Belle River (Puce)
CONTACT 519-728-1435

Essex Area Food Bank

DONATIONS OF Fresh and non-perishable food, grocery gift cards, gifts, new clothing
WHEN TO DONATE All year, Tues and Thurs, 8:30 am-11:30 am
WHERE TO DONATE 53 Talbot St S, Essex (at the back of Essex United Church)
CONTACT 519-776-4070

Goodfellows, Belle River

DONATIONS OF New, unwrapped gifts and toys, gift cards, grocery gift cards
WHEN TO DONATE All year
WHERE TO DONATE Please call for information
CONTACT 226-345-6686

Goodfellows, Kingsville

DONATIONS OF	Toys, gifts, canned goods, money
GIFTS FOR	Children 0-15 years
WHEN TO DONATE	Call for details
WHERE TO DONATE	Call for details
CONTACT	519-733-4239

Home Instead Senior Care

PROGRAM	Be a Santa to a Senior
DONATIONS OF	Pyjamas and grocery gift cards (also blankets, hats, gloves, scarves, toiletries, non-slip socks, facial tissue, activity/adult colouring books, puzzles)
GIFTS FOR	Lonely, isolated or financially-challenged community members
WHEN TO DONATE	Wed Nov 15 – Thurs Nov 30, 2023 , Mon-Fri, 8:30 am-5 pm
WHERE TO DONATE	1071 Lesperance Rd, Tecumseh (Drop-off spot outside)
CONTACT	519-739-1500

Kingsville Community Food Bank

PROGRAM	Christmas Food Help
DONATIONS OF	Donations of food and grocery gift cards
GIFTS FOR	Residents and families in need in Cottam, Ruthven, and Kingsville
WHEN TO DONATE	Donations accepted until Wed Dec 20, 2023 on Tues from 9 am-12:45 pm and 5 pm-7 pm; Wed 5 pm-7 pm; Thu 9 am-12:45 pm
WHERE TO DONATE	18 Division St N, Kingsville
CONTACT	519-733-8591

Salvation Army, Essex

PROGRAM	Christmas Basket
DONATIONS OF	New, unwrapped gifts and toys, fresh and non-perishable food items, gift cards
GIFTS FOR	Families with children 0-16 years
WHEN TO DONATE	Call for information
WHERE TO DONATE	26 Talbot St S, Essex (please call first)
CONTACT	519-776-4628 (leave msg)

Toys for Tots, Leamington

DONATIONS OF New, unwrapped toys, money (donations given to Salvation Army and Goodfellows for distribution)

GIFTS FOR Families with children 0-16 years

WHEN TO DONATE Donations accepted from **Sun Oct 1 – Sat Dec 23, 2023**

WHERE TO DONATE Click [here](http://www.leafingtonareatoys4tots.com) for Drop Box Locations (<http://www.leafingtonareatoys4tots.com>)

CONTACT 519-326-1552