

**ESSEX
COUNTY**



**HOLIDAY
SHARING GUIDE
2024**

**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!**



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	Mon Nov 18 – Fri Dec 13, 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 18 – Fri Dec 6, 2024
PICK UP	Voucher and Gift card pickup is Dec 13, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm; Dec 14, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Good Neighbor Club, 272 St Paul St, Belle River. Drive-through basket pickup is Dec 21 at the Independent Grocer, Belle River, 345 Notre Dame St, Belle River. (Bring voucher)
CONTACT	226-345-6686 or 519-728-1315

REGISTRATION NOW CLOSED

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 15 years and younger.
WHEN TO APPLY	Nov 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28, 2024 , Tues & Thurs only, 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 13, 2024 , 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 5 to Nov 29, 2024 , Tuesdays and Thursdays only, 1 pm to 4 pm
WHERE TO APPLY	111 Erie St N, Leamington
DISTRIBUTION DATE	Sat, Dec 14, 2024 (by delivery)
CONTACT	519-818-4003

REGISTRATION NOW CLOSED

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	Fri Nov 1 – Wed Dec 11, 2024
CONTACT	519-919-2285

REGISTRATION NOW CLOSED

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 14 and Thurs Nov 21, 2024 , 9 am - 12 pm and 1 pm - 3 pm
WHERE TO APPLY	Essex Community Church, 26 Talbot St S, Essex
DISTRIBUTION DATE	Provided at the time of registration
CONTACT	519-776-4628

REGISTRATION NOW CLOSED

Sparky's Toy Drive (LaSalle Fire Service)

SERVICES	Gifts and toys
ELIGIBILITY	Low-income families needing holiday gift assistance for children 1 – 16 years
HOW TO APPLY	Register online at https://sparkystoydrivelasalle.ca/register/ The fire service will reach out to you to verify your documents. Please prepare: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Identification: driver's license of the parent or guardian of the children you are registering2. Proof of Residence: rent receipt, utility bill, something with your address on it3. Health cards/birth records of the children you are registering (no photocopies)4. Bring your Canada/Ontario Child's Benefit notice for 2024 and documentation that shows your total family income; cheque stub from one of the following: Ontario Works (OW), Employment Insurance (EI), Ontario Disability Supplement Program (ODSP), Employer 2023 Income Tax (T4 statement)
WHEN TO APPLY	Registration closes Fri Dec 6, 2024
CONTACT	Email: fire@lasalle.ca

REGISTRATION NOW CLOSED

Amherstburg Food & Fellowship Mission

PROGRAM Holiday Meal
ELIGIBILITY Everyone welcome
DATE OF EVENT **Wed Dec 25, 2024** from 12 pm – 1 pm
HOW TO APPLY Walk in
EVENT LOCATION 298 Victoria St S, Amherstburg
CONTACT 519-736-9140

Encounter Church, Amherstburg

PROGRAM "Christmas in the Burg" Community Turkey Dinner
ELIGIBILITY Amherstburg families that are unable to attend or host a Christmas dinner
DATE OF EVENT **Sun Dec 15, 2024**; 2 seating options: 4 pm – 5:30 pm or 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
HOW TO APPLY Register online: <https://encounteraburg.breezechms.com/form/christmasburg>
EVENT LOCATION Encounter Church, 125 Alma St, Amherstburg
CONTACT 519-736-5644

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 Dec 25, 2024
HOW TO APPLY Call by **Sun Dec 22, 2024**, 12 pm
WHERE TO APPLY Call 519-326-3111 to register or visit location
EVENT LOCATION 60 Erie St N, Leamington
CONTACT 519-326-3111

Amherstburg Food and Fellowship Mission

DONATIONS OF New, unwrapped gifts and toys, fresh and non-perishable foods
GIFTS FOR Amherstburg families with children 0-15 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

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

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 Essex Community Church, 26 Talbot St S, Essex (please call first)
CONTACT 519-776-4628 (leave msg)

Salvation Army, Leamington Community & Family Services

PROGRAM Christmas Assistance Program
DONATIONS OF Drop-off toys, games, puzzles, stuffies, and stocking stuffers, and grocery gift cards
GIFTS FOR Families with children 0-18 years
WHEN TO DONATE Donations welcome Mon - Thurs, 9 am – 3 pm until December 5, 2024
WHERE TO DONATE 88 Settrington St, Leamington
CONTACT 519-326-0319

Toys 4 Tots, Leamington

DONATIONS OF New unwrapped toys and money (donations given to Salvation Army and Goodfellows for distribution)
GIFTS FOR Families with children 0-16 years
WHEN TO DONATE Donations accepted from **Tue Oct 1 – Mon Dec 23, 2024**
WHERE TO DONATE For Drop Box Locations: <http://www.leamingtonareatoys4tots.com>
CONTACT 519-326-1552