



Neighborhood Services, Inc.
Bring Your Hunger

December 2017 Newsletter

Season of Giving

Happy Holidays from Neighborhood Services, Inc.



By **Your Neighborhood Food Pantry**

Season's Greetings from Neighborhood Services Food Pantry! As we enter our busiest month of the year, we are grateful for the support that makes our work possible. We provided almost 500 families with Thanksgiving food baskets this November, including 731 children. We're thankful for our supporters, who contributed the funds and canned goods that made our Thanksgiving basket program so successful. We're also thankful for our

volunteers, who assembled and distributed our baskets to neighbors in the days before Thanksgiving. Thank you for helping us put food on more tables!

We have over 700 families signed up for Christmas food baskets, plus almost 1,000 children signed up for gift adoptions. We still have 59 families who need donors. If you're able, please consider giving back to our neighbors by making a donation, volunteering, or "adopting" a child this holiday season.

We wish all of you a joyous holiday season and a happy new year! We look forward to serving our community with you in 2018.

LAST MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS



Thanksgiving Baskets

NSI provided almost 500 families with Thanksgiving food

Thanks to the generous support of our volunteers and donors, we brought Thanksgiving food to almost 500 families in our community. We are so grateful to everyone who donated food or funds, volunteered to sort donations, and helped us distribute baskets during the busy pre-Thanksgiving rush. Thank you for making the holidays brighter for our neighbors.

Special thanks to our volunteers from the Graham School for their Thanksgiving decorations (pictured above)!



November Fundraisers

NSI participated in three successful fundraisers in November

NSI participated in our City BBQ fundraiser, Beat Michigan 5K, and Giving Tuesday fundraiser this month. Thank you to all the organizers and donors who made these events so successful! Your support will help us feed our neighbors this Christmas. Thank you for doing your part to fight hunger in our community.

Hope and Concern: 2017 Annual Appeal

NSI needs your support to feed our neighbors this holiday season

We expect to serve record numbers of neighbors this holiday season. Our goal is to be a source of hope for our neighbors; we want to ease their stress by putting food on their tables. But to meet our community's growing hunger needs, we need your help.

NSI is now accepting donations for our annual appeal. Your generosity helps us feed hungry Ohio families this holiday season. There are three ways to help:

1. Make a monetary donation on our website, www.neighborhoodservicesinc.org. A \$65 donation can provide food to a family of three for the holidays.
2. Purchase cranberry sauce, gravy, mixed vegetables, or pie fillings/crusts to contribute to Christmas food baskets. Drop off donations at NSI by 12/11.

3. Provide holiday gifts for a local child. We still need donors for 100 children! Sign up on our website, email info@neighborhoodservicesinc.org, or call (614) 297-0592.

THIS MONTH'S EVENTS



Gift Adoption Program

at **Neighborhood Services Food Pantry** through December 15th at 4PM

The holidays are coming up and that means it's gift adoption season at Neighborhood Services Food Pantry! Each year, we ask our generous supporters to "adopt" children in our community by purchasing holiday gifts requested by families in need. We ask that donors try to spend about \$50 per child, and drop off gifts at Neighborhood Services Food Pantry by **4PM on Friday, Dec. 15th**. We are located at **1950 N 4th St., Suite J, Columbus, OH 43201**.

Please complete this Google [form](#) as soon as possible to "adopt" a child. Participants will be matched with a child/children within a few days. If you know others who would like to participate, please feel free to send them this form!

Sign up here: <https://www.neighborhoodservicesinc.org/holidays-2017/>

Christmas Baskets

at **Neighborhood Services Food Pantry** on December 18th-21st, 10AM-1PM

We will be distributing Christmas food baskets to neighbors Dec. 18th-21st during our regular pantry hours. Please consider donating canned mixed vegetables, pie filling, gravy, and cranberry sauce.

We need lots of volunteer help! Please sign up to help us bring Christmas food to families in our neighborhood. Select "Neighborhood Services" from the Mid-Ohio Foodbank calendar and find the dates and shifts that work for you.

Sign up to volunteer: <https://mofb.volunteerhub.com/events/index>

Produce Market

at **Neighborhood Services Food Pantry** on December 19th, 1PM

Volunteer at our monthly produce market, made possible through our collaboration with Mid-Ohio Foodbank! Help us bring fresh fruits and vegetables to our neighbors.

Sign up to volunteer: <https://mofb.volunteerhub.com/event/index/693904>

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