



**GREATER
LOWELL**
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

NONPROFIT HOLIDAY GIVING GUIDE



When giving or volunteering this holiday season, please consider these nonprofit organizations who are actively involved in the local community.

ABLE TO SERVE - NEW ENGLAND, INC. *

Mission: Providing emergency funding to working poor, homeless and women with small children for food, clothing, medical transport, personal care items, etc.

Contact: Sr. Robin McCarthy, sfcc - 978-995-8148 - abletoserve978@yahoo.com

Ways to Donate: Sr. Robin McCarthy, 16 Middle St. Box 801, Lowell, MA 01852 or GoFundMe: <https://www.gofundme.com/abletoserve>

ACRE FAMILY CHILD CARE

Mission: Providing a pathway for women to achieve economic independence and ensure that the children of Greater Lowell have access to a high-quality early education experience, regardless of their parents level of income.

Contact: Kristin McCauley - 978-937-5899 - kmccauley@acrefamily.org

Items Needed: \$25-\$100 gift certificates to purchase art supplies, and garden supplies for our Pre-K STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) fair and gardening program.

Ways to Donate: 55 Middle Street, Suite 500, Lowell, MA 01852 - <http://www.acrefamily.org/>

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB *

Mission: To inspire and enable young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

Contact: Yesenia Maysonet - 978.458.4526 x 13 - ymaysonet@lbtc.org

Items Needed: Construction paper, sports balls, pencils, markers, crayons, toys for kids ages 8-18

Ways to Donate: 657 Middlesex Street, Lowell, MA 01851 - <https://lbtc.org>

CATHOLIC CHARITIES MERRIMACK VALLEY

Mission: Catholic Charities Merrimack Valley helps nearly 30,000 people in need from Lowell, Lawrence, Haverhill and surrounding communities annually through a wide range of services.

Contact: Paul Muzhuthett - 978-452-1421 - paul_muzhuthett@ccab.org

Items Needed: Shelf-stable milk, cooking oil, rice, canned chicken, soup

Ways to Donate: 70 Lawrence Street, Lowell, MA 01852

CIRCLE HOME, INC.

Mission: We're a nonprofit home health care and hospice agency, "bringing health care at home" to people of all ages and neighborhoods.

Contact: Irene Egan - 978-805-2641 - Irene.Egan@CircleHomeHealth.org

Items Needed: Small gift bags/baskets with practical items and treats, which our nurses would deliver to patients with chronic disease who live alone (notecards, pens, stamps, small pillow/blanket, teas, book, hand sanitizer, puzzle book, lip balm, etc.).

Ways to Donate: 847 Rogers Street Lowell, MA 01852

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CLARENDON EARLY EDUCATION SERVICES, INC. *

Mission: Clarendon is one of the leading family child care and nutrition agencies in Massachusetts to provide high quality early education, affordable child care and family support services to more than 600 at risk children and families across the state.

Contact: Cheryl Finney - 978-967-6844- cfinney@clarendonees.org

Items Needed: We strive to provide each child in our organization with at least one gift for the holidays. Very often this is the only gift that they receive. We need children's toys (ages birth to 13 years) or monetary donations to purchase toys.

Ways to Donate: 100 Merrimack St. Suite 205H Lowell, MA 01852 - www.clarendonearlyeducationservices.org

CLASS INC. *

Mission: The mission of CLASS/Arc of Greater Lawrence is to support, promote and facilitate the inherent rights of individuals with disabilities to experience a life of opportunity for personal growth and active, meaningful engagement in their community.

Contact: Tracey Chalifour - 978-975-8587 - tchalifour@CLASSinc.org

Ways to Donate: 1 Parker Street, Lawrence MA 01843;
www.classinc.org/donate

COMMUNITY TEAMWORK, INC. *

Mission: CTI strengthens communities and reduce poverty by delivering vital services and collaborating with key stakeholders to create housing, education, and economic opportunities in 63 Massachusetts communities.

Contact: Kathleen Plath - 978-654-5640 - kplath@commteam.org - <http://www.commteam.org/>

Items Needed: Christmas toys for our shelter program's children.

Ways to Donate: Community Teamwork, Inc., 155 Merrimack Street, Lowell, MA 01852 ATTN: Kathleen Plath



ELEMENT CARE *

Mission: Element Care provides complete medical care and services to qualified individuals 55 and older.

Contact: Cynthia Smith - 978-722-0171 - Csmith@elementcare.org - <https://elementcare.org/>

GIRLS INCORPORATED OF GREATER LOWELL *

Mission: We inspire all girls to be strong, smart and bold; through creative programs in a safe and nurturing environment, we strive to teach the independence and personal responsibility girls ages 5-18 need to succeed.

Contact: Tracy Ingersoll - 978-458-6529 x102 - tingersoll@girlsinclowell.org

Items Needed: School supplies (notebooks, pencils, crayons, folders), art supplies, female hygiene supplies, books (new or gently used).

Ways to Donate: 220 Worthen Street, Lowell, MA 01852 - www.girlsinclowell.org

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER LOWELL *

Mission: Habitat for Humanity builds strength, stability and self-reliance for families by building affordable housing for low income families.

Contact: Kim Trainor - 978-692-0927 - info@lowellhabitat.org

Items Needed: Tool box to give to new families, hammers, screwdrivers, tape measurers and safety glasses

Ways to Donate: 124 Main Street Westford, MA 01886 - lowellhabitat.org/

HOUSE OF HOPE, INC. *

Mission: We are a emergency family shelter.

Contact: Edna Gustafson - 978.458.2870 - edna.gustafson@houseofhopelowell.org

Items Needed: Please contact Edna

Ways to Donate: 520 Fletcher Street Lowell MA 01854

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NEW ENGLAND *

Mission: The mission of the International Institute of New England is to create opportunities for refugees and immigrants to succeed through resettlement, education, career advancement and pathways to citizenship.

Contact: Emma Tobin - 617-801-5253 - etobin@iine.org

Items Needed: Market Basket gift cards, new socks, winter boots (in good condition), bedding/linens, household cleaning supplies

Ways to Donate: 15 Warren Street, 2nd Floor Lowell, MA 01852 - <https://iine.org/donate>

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LOWELL ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND *

Mission: LAB's mission is to support, educate and nurture the blind and visually impaired by assisting them in the enrichment of their lives and help them gain independence.

Contact: Monica Mullen – 978-454-5704 - mmullen@lowellassociationfortheblind.org

Items Needed: Paper plates, plastic rolls of table coverings, coffee, microwave popcorn, paper cups

Ways to Donate: 169 Merrimack Street 2nd Floor, Lowell Ma 01852 - <http://www.lowellassociationfortheblind.org/>

LOWELL HUMANE SOCIETY *

Mission: The Lowell Humane Society provides shelter, prevents cruelty to animals, and advocates for their welfare, with the goal of improving the quality of life for animals and people.

Contact: Crystal Arnott - 978-452-7781 - crystal@lowellhumanesociety.org

Items Needed: Paper towels, bleach, rabbit food, cat food, pet toys

Ways to Donate: www.lowellhumanesociety.org - 951 Broadway St Lowell, MA 01854

LOWELL PARKS & CONSERVATION TRUST *

Mission: LP&CT is a private, nonprofit land trust, striving to improve the quality of life for the people of Lowell through the creation, conservation, and preservation of parks, open spaces, and special places.

Contact: Jane Calvin – 978-934-0030 - jcalvin@lowelllandtrust.org

Ways to Donate: www.lowelllandtrust.org - PO Box 7162 Lowell, MA 01852

LOWELL COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER *

Mission: We serve residents of Greater Lowell who might otherwise not have access to health care, and we turn no one away for financial reasons.

Contact: Clare Gunther – 978-746-7891 - claregu@lchealth.org

Items Needed: Diapers, new board books, feminine hygiene products, coats, hats, mittens and socks

Ways to Donate: 161 Jackson Street, Lowell, MA 01852 - www.lchealth.org/donate

LOWELL MAKES *

Mission: Lowell Makes is a collection of open workshops and laboratories where members and students can collaborate to learn, share, and hone crafts of all kinds.

Contact: James Saunders - 978-905-8123 - info@lowellmakes.com

Items Needed: 3D Printing filament (ABS, PLA), sandpaper, hand tools (screwdrivers, socket wrenches, etc.), cutting tools (mill, lathe, and router bits)

Ways to Donate: 47 Lee St, Lowell, MA 01852 - <https://lowellmakes.com/contribute/>

LOWELL TRANSITIONAL LIVING CENTER *

Mission: LTLC is the largest shelter north of Boston and provides homeless adults with the tools and support they need in their journey from homelessness to housing.

Contact: Crystal McCarthy – 978-458-9888 - cmccarthy@ltlc.org

Items Needed: Jeans, waterproof Gloves, boots, coats, thermals (adult men and women)

Ways to Donate: 193 Middlesex Street, Lowell MA, 01852 - ltlc.org

MERRIMACK REPERTORY THEATRE *

Mission: Merrimack Repertory Theatre, celebrating our 40th Anniversary Season, serves as the Merrimack Valley's only professional theatre, and entertains more than 40,000.

Contact: David Henderson – 978-654-7595 - david.henderson@mrt.org - <https://mrt.org/>

Items Needed: Toys, games, and books

Ways to Donate: 50 E. Merrimack Street Lowell MA 01852



MERRIMACK VALLEY FOOD BANK

Mission: To provide nutritious food and personal care items to emergency feeding programs in 50 cities and towns serving the low-income, homeless and hungry.

Contact: Debbie Callery - 978-454-7272 - dcallery@mvfb.org

Items Needed: Soup, pasta, rice, peanut butter & jelly

Ways to Donate: P.O Box 8638, Lowell, MA 01853 – mvfb.org

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MILL CITY GROWS

Mission: Mill City Grows fosters food justice by improving physical health, economic independence and environmental sustainability in Lowell through increased access to land, locally-grown food and education.

Contact: Jessica Wilson - 978-455-2620 - jessica@millcitygrows.org

Items Needed: Gift cards to Market Basket, Target, Amazon, Home Depot, or Lowe's, office and cleaning supplies, gardening supplies, cooking supplies

Ways to Donate: P.O. Box 7133, Lowell MA 01852 (mail) - 150 Western Ave, Lowell MA 01851 (in person) - <http://www.millcitygrows.org/supportourwork/>

NORTHEAST INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM (NILP) *

Mission: NILP provides services and programs for individuals with all disabilities in Northeastern Massachusetts.

Contact: Kevin Farrell - 978-687-4228 ext. 314 - kfarrell@nilp.org

Items Needed: Visa gift cards, grocery store gift cards

Ways to Donate: NILP 20 Ballard Road, Lawrence, MA 01843 or NILP 35 John Street, 2d floor, Lowell, MA 01852 or at the website www.nilp.org

PROJECT LEARN INC. *

Mission: Working hand-in-hand with the Lowell Public Schools, we fund innovative programs and services to inspire today's students and equip them with the skills, knowledge and mindset they need for college, career and life.

Contact: Shamir Rivera - 978-455-9775 - svivera@projectlearninc.org

Items Needed: New & gently used children's books for ages 0-8 years, medium sized cardboard boxes for packing books

Ways to Donate: 8 Kirk Street Lowell MA 01852 - projectlearninc.org

THE BRUSH ART GALLERY AND STUDIOS *

Mission: The Brush is a nonprofit gallery which is open to the public 5 to 6 days a week, and provides access to working artist studios with a diverse collection of media.

Contact: Jim Dymont - 978-459-7819 - director@thebrush.org

Ways to Donate: 304 Dutton St, Lowell, MA 01852 - <http://www.thebrush.org/>

THE SALVATION ARMY *

Mission: The mission of The Salvation Army is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

Contact: Dianne James - 978-458-3396 - dianne.james@use.salvationarmy.org

Items Needed: New toys, new clothing for children, gift cards (movies, Target, etc.), winter accessories (hats, gloves) for children

Ways to Donate: 150 Appleton St. Lowell, MA 01852 - <https://massachusetts.salvationarmy.org/MA/Lowell>

ON THE MOVE, INC.

Mission: To increase reading proficiency and healthy bodies by providing books ("Power the Mind") and bikes ("Power The Body") to children in need in the Greater Merrimack Valley Region.

Contact: Bill Haddad - 978.239.6871 - bhaddad@otminc.org

Items Needed: Purchase and assemble new bikes, helmets, locks

Ways to Donate: 3 McAllister Way Methuen, MA 01844 - www.otminc.org

RENAISSANCE CLUB *

Mission: We are non-profit program working with people with mental illnesses in a vocational setting.

Contact: Heather Gilbert - 978-454-7944 - dmuldoon@eliotchs.org

Items Needed: We give gifts to members including socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, coffee cups, shampoo, conditioner, candy canes, Hershey kisses

Ways to Donate: Renaissance Club 176 Walker St. Lowell, MA 01854 Attn: Heather Gilbert

THE LOWELL FESTIVAL FOUNDATION

Mission: The Lowell Festival Foundation is a volunteer based non-profit organization which promotes and enriches the cultural life for the people of Greater Lowell through musical, social, and educational programming.

Contact: Kevin Dwyer - 978-275-1764 - LowellFolkFest@gmail.com

Ways to Donate: Lowell Festival Foundation 67 Kirk St. Lowell, MA 01852 - LowellFolkFestival.org

UTEC INC.

Mission: UTEC's mission and promise is to ignite and nurture the ambition of proven-risk young adults ages 17-25 to trade violence and poverty for social and economic success.

Contact: Morgan Wamsley - 615-714-0515 - mwamsley@utec-lowell.org

Items Needed: Diapers, baby wipes, toothbrushes/toothpaste/floss, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant

Ways to Donate: <https://www.utec-lowell.org/donate>



* Volunteer opportunities available

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