



RESOURCE ROUNDUP

COMMUNITY RESOURCES & EVENTS

12/12/24

Find this information online at www.cssbh.org/resource-roundup

ONGOING / SELECTED DATES

- **TOBACCO QUIT LINE** – A free smoking-cessation line is available from the Ohio Department of Health. Those who enroll will gain access to professional quit coaches and an online community to provide support. Quitline also provides resources like nicotine-quit medications, lung cancer screenings and more. To start, call 1-800-784-8669 or visit www.ohioquits.org.
- **HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE WINTER CRISIS PROGRAM (HEAP)** – The provides an annual one-time benefit to eligible Ohio residents for help heating assistance during the fall and winter months. The benefit is applied directly to the utility to bill to help offset utility costs. The program runs from Nov. 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025, or until funds are depleted, whichever comes first. To apply, residents must schedule an appointment with Community Action by calling 330-436-0261 or scheduling online at app.capappointments.com. For additional information, documents needed and Federal Poverty Guidelines, visit <https://development.ohio.gov/individual/energy-assistance/winter-crisis-program>.
- **FREE SMOKE DETECTORS** – The Akron Fire Department and American Red Cross offer free smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to those in need. The Fire Department also will install them. Call the Community Services Division at 330-375-2197 to sign up.
- **FOOD DISTRIBUTION** – **Third Saturday** of each month, noon to 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Akron, 1670 Shatto Ave. Bring driver's license.
- **FOOD DISTRIBUTION** – Regular hours are 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. **Thursdays and Fridays** at Akron Bible Church/Hope Café, 340 E. South St., Akron.
- **ST. BERNARD'S BAG LUNCH PROGRAM** – Regular hours are 8-9 a.m. **Monday through Friday**, 44 University Ave., Akron.

DECEMBER

- **JUSTICE BUS** – Free legal clinic for family matters, custody, parenting time and divorce, 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. **Dec. 13** at Barberton Library, 602 W. Park Ave., Barberton.
- **CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST AND TOY GIVEAWAY** – Breakfast and toys provided for infants to children age 14. Child must be present to receive a toy. **Dec. 14**, two time slots: 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Summit Lake Community Center, 380 W. Crosier St., Akron. Limited to 50 individuals per time slot (including adults and kids). Registration is required; call 330-375-2826 to register.

- **FREE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA** – Pancakes, hot chocolate, kids crafts and a visit from Santa. From 9-11:30 a.m. **Dec. 14** at First Congregational Church of Akron, 292 E. Market St., Akron.
- **TOY GIVEAWAY** – Keys 2 Serenity, Moose Lodge #918 and Cuyahoga Falls Rapids holiday toy giveaway, 2 p.m. **Dec. 15** at Cuyahoga Falls Moose Lodge, 4444 State Road, Peninsula. While supplies last. Kids must be present. There are a limited number of gifts per family. Details: info@keys2serenity.org.
- **COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT** – Skypoint Recovery and other organizations will hand out gently used clothing, as well as hygiene items and snacks, at 11 a.m. **Dec. 18** in the parking lot behind BP gas station at 316 E. Market St., Akron. Multiple treatment programs and a behavioral health care specialist will be available.
- **HOLIDAY DINNER FOR THE HOMELESS** – Holiday feast, gifts for youth, crafts, cookie decorating, coat giveaway, health screening, pictures with Santa, free raffle. From 2-5 p.m. **Dec. 21** at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 129 S. Union St., Akron. To register, scan the code at the right or visit <https://tinyurl.com/3cp5k54a>, then go to <https://form.jotform.com/243124876123050> to register for coats. **You must complete registration on BOTH websites.**
- **CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION** — Jake’s Reach party with hot meals and boxes of groceries to take home, and a visit from Santa. Clothing available. From 11 a.m.-1 p.m. **Dec. 21** at Firestone Park United Methodist Church, 250 N. Firestone Blvd., Akron. Details at jakesreach.org.
- **CHRISTMAS MEALS** – Lunch at noon (doors open at 10:45 a.m.); dinner at 6:30 p.m. (doors open at 5:15 p.m.) **Dec. 25**, Haven of Rest Ministries, 175 E. Market St., Akron. Details: 330-535-1563.

