



# RESOURCE ROUNDUP

COMMUNITY RESOURCES & EVENTS

12/5/24

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## 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](http://www.ohioquits.org).
- **FEEDING HOPE FOOD PANTRY** – Hours are 6:30-7:30 p.m. **Mondays** and 9 a.m.-noon **Tuesdays** at the First Congregational Church of Akron, 292 E. Market St. People experiencing food insecurity can receive food for 12 meals, per family member, once per calendar month. The pantry allows recipients to pick the food they need for the meals. Personal care items also available. For more, visit <https://akronfcc.org> or call 330-253-5109.
- **ST. BERNARD'S BAG LUNCH PROGRAM** – Regular hours are 8-9 a.m. **Monday through Friday**, 44 University Ave., Akron.
- **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](http://app.capappointments.com). For additional information, documents needed and Federal Poverty Guidelines, visit <https://development.ohio.gov/individual/energy-assistance/winter-crisis-program>.

## DECEMBER

- **RECOVERY DINNER** – Meal of turkey, soup, meatballs and pasta from 5-7 p.m. **Dec. 6** at Summit Recovery Hub, 572 W. Market St., Unit 2, Akron.
- **MINDFULNESS AND JOURNALING IN NATURE** – Dr. Joe Blanda will lead a mindfulness walk and guided nature journaling session. The walk is less than a mile; part of the walk may be on hilly or uneven terrain. Rain or shine. Wear sturdy closed-toe shoes that can get dirty. Simple journals will be available for participants. From 10-11:30 a.m. **Dec. 6** at Octagon Shelter, 801 Truxell Road, Peninsula. More details at [www.forcvnp/naturerx](http://www.forcvnp/naturerx).
- **CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE SOCIAL** – For all in need. A hot meal will be served. From 11 a.m.-1 p.m. **Dec. 7** at Family of Faith Church, 800 E. Market St., Akron.

Those who wish to give can bring their vehicles loaded with food, clothing, blankets, toiletries, hats, gloves, anything new or gently used that they wish to give to others. Gifters should arrive at 10:30 a.m.

- **CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS** – Drive through, **Dec. 7**, starting at 9 a.m. (while supplies last), Agape Storehouse, 340 South St., Akron. Limit of three households per vehicle. Photo ID required. Must be present to get a basket. Hosted by Akron Bible Church.
- **WINTER WONDERLAND PARTY** – East Akron Neighborhood Development Corp. party with gifts, photos with Santa, games, Christmas music, snacks and vendors from noon-3 p.m. **Dec. 7** at 550 S. Arlington St., Akron.
- **FREE MUSEUM ADMISSION** – Akron Art Museum will have free admission from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. **Dec. 8**. A Kids Maker Fest with items for sale from child and teen artists will be featured from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. The museum is at 1 S. High St., Akron.
- **TOYS FOR TOTS** – Registration at First Faith Development Corp., 790 Easter Ave., #209, Akron; Monday-Thursday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **Deadline: Dec. 11**. Applicants will be required to bring the following documentation: Parent's government-issued photo ID card, parent's Social Security card, children's Social Security card, children's birth certificate. Parents will receive a pick-up location and date/time at time of registration.
- **FOOD PANTRY** – Friends in Tents and the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank food pantry from 6-7:30 p.m. **Dec. 10** at 594 Fifth St. NE, Barberton. Have ID ready and bring a box or bag.
- **OUTSMART THE SCAM** – Free presentation about holiday scams from 5:30-6:30 p.m. **Dec. 11** at the Akron-Summit County Public Library, 60 S. High St., Akron. Those who pre-register will be entered into a drawing for a four-pack of tickets to the Akron Art Museum. Pre-register at [tinyurl.com/OutsmartDec11](http://tinyurl.com/OutsmartDec11) or call 330-643-2510.
- **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.
- **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](mailto:info@keys2serenity.org).
- **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](http://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.