

Washington County, Ohio – 2025 Holiday Resources Guide

This guide provides information on **Toys & Gifts**, **Holiday Meals & Food Baskets**, and **Winter Clothing & Coats** available to families in Washington County, Ohio. Each listing includes what they offer, who can participate, and how to get in touch.

TOYS & GIFTS

Arc of the Mid-Ohio Valley – Secret Christmas Program

- **What They Do:** Christmas gifts for children with developmental disabilities and their siblings. They provide each child with a special care package.
- **How to Apply:** Applications typically open in November; referrals accepted from agencies. The application can be printed from thearcmov.org/programs-services/#secretchristmas. Applications need to be in by October 17th.
- **Contact:** [Alexis Ullmann](mailto:Alexis.Ullmann@thearcmov.org) 304-422-3151 ext. 114 – Applications can be sent to Secret Christmas The Arc of the Mid Ohio Valley 1917 Dudley Ave. Parkersburg, WV 26101 or can be [Faxed 304-865-2072](tel:304-865-2072) – additional contact: info@thearcmov.org | thearcmov.org

AMVETS – Helping Veteran Families During the Holidays – see AMVETS under meals for more information!

First Baptist Church – New Matamoras

- **What They Do:** Provides gifts for children who qualify living in the Frontier School district.
- **How to Connect:** Contact the church directly for additional information and dates.
- **Contact:** 740-865-2167 | 400 Broadway Ave. New Matamoras, OH 45757

Mid-Ohio Valley Toys for Tots

- **What They Do:** Provides new, unwrapped toys for children ages 6 months–13 years.
- **How to Apply:** Applications open Nov. 1 and close around Dec. 10. Apply online there Facebook page. Toy pickup is in Mineral Wells. Best form of contact is Facebook Messenger.
- **Additional Information:** Toys for Tots updates their FB regularly. You can find fundraisers on their page. If your agency would like to have a donation box or is in need of holiday toys, contact Cliff on FB Messenger. All correspondence and reminders after signing up to receive toys will be over email.
- **Contact:** movtoysfortots@toysfortots.org | 304-401-3159
- **Facebook:** [Mid Ohio Valley Toys for Tots](https://www.facebook.com/MidOhioValleyToysforTots)

Salvation Army – Angel Tree Program

- **What They Do:** Provides Christmas gifts for children (0–14) and special needs up to age 20. Often paired with holiday food baskets.
- **How to Apply:** Registration is by appointment only. You can start calling to make appointments on September 15th. Appointments will be scheduled from October 20th-24th and require an in-person application at the appointment.
- **Contact:** 740-373-3756 | 136 Front St, Marietta, OH

Three Little Birds – Facebook Giving Group

- **What They Do:** Community members adopt families by fulfilling wish lists. Very active at Christmas.
- **How to Access:** Join the Facebook group [Three Little Birds MOV](#) and watch for holiday adoption posts.
- **Additional Information:** This is a community ran program and no formal application is needed.

-Online Gift Resources

Operation Christmas Child – Local Churches

Charlie's Guys

- **What They Do:** Provides holiday gifts for children grieving the loss of a parent or sibling.
- **How to Apply:** Submit a referral or application online.
- **Website:** charliesguys.org

USPS Operation Santa

- **What They Do:** Children send letters to “Santa” that are adopted by donors nationwide.
- **How to Apply:** Submit letters online starting in November.
- **Website:** uspsoperationsanta.com

*** Local Elementary Schools can nominate families for **Shop With a Cop** through the Washington County Sheriffs office.

HOLIDAY MEALS & FOOD BOXES

AMVETS – Helping Veteran Families During the Holidays

- AMVETS Post 1788 helps Veteran families in need with food, Christmas presents, and essentials.
- They often have sponsors for this program from local organizations. Last year, sponsors included Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie (Beverly), American Legion (Beverly), Marietta Elks, VFW (Marietta), AMVETS Marietta)
- If you or a loved one needs assistance and are a veteran, contact them online – ohamvets.org/post-1788

Caring Connection (via Marietta Community Foundation)

- **What They Do:** Thanksgiving and Christmas food boxes for families in crisis.
- **How to Apply:** Contact Caring Connection or Marietta Community Foundation.
- **Website:** Marietta Community Foundation | mcfohio.org
- **Contact:** 740-376-9903 | carconn20@gmail.com | 411 Scammel St. Marietta, OH

Belpre Area Ministries

- **Belpre Area Ministries** (a collaboration of 11 local churches) operates a food pantry and thrift store in Belpre, offering **holiday food boxes** for Thanksgiving and Christmas. These typically include meal staples and perhaps more.
[Belpre Area Ministriesnewsandsentinel.com/](http://BelpreAreaMinistriesnewsandsentinel.com/)
- **Contact:** 2310 Washington Blvd, Belpre, OH 45714 | 740-423-2069
- **How agencies can help:** You can refer families to apply for holiday boxes, especially those in urgent need.

Beverly-Waterford Food Pantry (St. Bernard's)

- **What They Do:** Ongoing food pantry that also receives holiday/turkey donations and supports local holiday food needs.
- **How to Sign up:** Call to confirm special holiday signups/boxes.
- **Contact:** 740-984-4651 — 307 (or 309). The food pantry is housed in the basement of St. Bernard Catholic Church in Beverly and is open from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and 9 to 11 a.m. second and fourth Thursdays of the month.

-St. Bernard hosts / houses the Beverly-Waterford Food Pantry and is a good first contact for holiday meal/food box planning. **Phone:** 740-984-2555 **Email:** stbernardbeverly.org

Christmas Day Feast – Marietta, OH – Marietta VFW

- Holiday Meal Delivery – Contact VFW
- Dine In Location – Knights of Columbus in Marietta

Greater Marietta Community Food Pantry

- **What They Do:** Weekly food distribution, with extra items around holidays.
- **How to Access:** Visit pantry during open hours.
- **Contact:** 740-373-5741 | 400 Harmar St, Marietta, OH | gmcommunityfoodpantry.org

Lowell — Local Food Support

- **Lowell Area Mission Basket (L.A.M.B.) Food Pantry & Thrift**
 - **What They Do:** Local food pantry serving the Village of Lowell, Coal Run, and Highland Ridge areas. Provides regular pantry distributions and often assists with holiday food and turkey donations.
 - **Address:** 309 Walnut St., Lowell, OH 45744
 - **Phone:** 740-896-3266
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WINTER CLOTHING & COATS

Coats for Kids

- **What They Do:** Provides new or gently used winter coats for all ages. They will often have gloves, hats, and boots as well.
- **How to Get Winter Items:** Stop by the dime bank building in Marietta any Tuesday or Thursday in November except Thanksgiving. Also open on the 3rd & 5th of December. Time: 10-2.
- **Contact:** 740-373-3756
- **Location:** Dime Bank Building – 138 Putnam St. Marietta, OH (corner of Putnam & 2nd)

Local Clothing Year Round

- **Gospel Mission Food Pantry** – Can provide used shoes, clothes, and coats
 - **Contact:** 740-350-4417
 - **Many churches** (such as St. Luke's Lutheran and area Methodist churches) host winter coat giveaways in November/December. Check for flyers and social media updates during the holidays.
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