

Tri-Town Community-Based Resources Helping Neighbors in Need

Boxford Food Pantry – located at the First Congregational Church in Boxford and available to all Tri-Town residents by appointment only. Distributions are limited to 1x per month/family. In-kind donations of non-perishable items may be left in the church sanctuary. Contact Susan Humerian and Leslie Olson at (978) 887-5841 x3 to arrange for an appointment.

Community Giving Tree – Boxford-based agency which recycles children’s clothing and baby equipment and provides other necessities such as school supplies and toiletries to low income families in Essex County, Massachusetts. Items are distributed to social workers and other qualified non-profit agencies representing clients in need. Contact CGT at 978-223-5767 or info@communitygivingtree.org.

Friends of the Flint Library - Neighbors in Need Annual Holiday Giving Program - this program provides assistance to Middleton families who may be facing difficulties during the holiday season. Items that are especially helpful are gift cards in any amount for the “tween” and teenage groups; cash donations; gift cards to local restaurants, grocery stores, drug stores and hair salons. Emergency assistance may be available. Contact The Flint “SANTA” at 978-774-8132 or Gimmie Sue at 978-884-1770 or gvalacer@comcast.net.

Invest in People – providing assistance to families and their children who are facing unexpected, urgent and short-term financial needs. Families must be residents of Boxford, Middleton, Topsfield or Ipswich. Contact Sheila Taylor at (978) 356-1525 to coordinate referral.

Koster Family Foundation – providing financial and in-kind assistance to families and youth in the Tri-Town in times of crisis; sports scholarships; and holiday food and gift support. Contact Dr. Bernie Creeden, Superintendent of Elementary Schools (978) 887-0771 for referral information.

Middleton Food Pantry part of the services of the Middleton Council on Aging -located at 38 Maple Street (side entrance) providing food distributions to residents of Middleton. Open Fridays from 1-3, no appointment necessary for distribution. Donations may be dropped off anytime. Contact Frank Leary or COA at 978-777-4067.

St. Vincent de Paul Society – St. Rose of Lima Parish, Topsfield - a worldwide society, SVDP is a lay organization of Catholic men and women, who meet in parishes to help local community members in times of need. Support includes non-perishable food, grocery store gift cards and emergency assistance. The main objective of SVDP is to provide children and the elderly with immediate assistance upon request. Contact Augie Chiango at (617) 429-6284 or asapemail@aol.com or via the church office (978) 887-5505.

St. Vincent de Paul Society – St. Agnes Parish, Middleton – Contact Deborah Charewicz at the church office (978) 774-1958.

Tri-Town Council – providing referral resources; holiday food support in conjunction with the Christian Angel Smile Foundation and Santi Yoga; and limited financial emergency family assistance to Tri-Town residents. Contact Lisa Teichner at (978) 887-6512.