

PARENT: THIS INFORMATION PAGE IS FOR YOU TO READ AND KEEP.
IT'S VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YOU IN 2020.
REMEMBER, THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 31, 2020!



As we're all aware by now, the Covid-19 pandemic has brought many changes into all aspects of our lives, including Giving Tree. This year, we have to do things totally differently to keep us all as safe as possible, while still providing gifts for your children.

That's why we won't be collecting actual toys and clothing from people in the community this year. Instead, we will ask them to make donations to contribute to food, clothing, and toy/gift vouchers, which will be distributed to you on Saturday, December 5 or Sunday, December 6. Each child will receive a clothing voucher and a toy/gift voucher, plus a pair of PJs in her/his size. Each family will also receive a food voucher from Save-A-Lot, as you did in the past. That means you will be the shopper for your children this year!

The Giving Tree Program is organized by the Church and Community Program, assisted by Canton School guidance counselors. The CCP operates a food pantry and a thrift shop at 30 Court Street, Canton. Gifts are largely provided by community members; several local businesses and organizations also support this program.

You will be assigned a specific time to pick up your gift vouchers, based on how early your application comes in, so return your application as soon as you can to get the earliest appointments, and no later than October 31,

We will call you shortly before the distribution dates to notify you of your assigned time. If you can't make your assigned time, you may change your appointment to a later scheduled time on one of the distribution days. You may call the Church and Community Office at 315-386-3534, but **only** if you have not heard from us by December 3.

Bring photo identification with you. No gifts will be distributed without an ID with an address in our distribution area.

There are several holiday programs in nearby communities. The Giving Tree is intended to serve residents of Canton, Hermon (towns and villages), Clare, DeKalb, Russell (town) and Rensselaer Falls (village) and children who attend Canton schools and Edwards-Knox and Hermon-DeKalb schools. **Families may apply for only one holiday program, and only one member of the family (parent, grandparent, guardian) may apply on behalf of each child.** We do cross-check applications among the several programs.

REMEMBER: YOUR APPLICATION IS DUE ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 31.