

PARENT: THIS INFORMATION PAGE IS FOR YOU TO READ AND KEEP.
IT'S VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YOU IN 2024.
REMEMBER, THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS **OCTOBER 31, 2024 (HALLOWEEN)!**



As we have in past years, we will ask your fellow community members to make donations to contribute to food, clothing, and toy/gift vouchers, which will be distributed to you on Saturday, December 7. Each child will receive a clothing voucher and a toy/gift voucher, plus a pair of PJs in her/his size and a hand-knitted hat if you said you wanted one. 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 again this year!

The Giving Tree Program is organized by the Church and Community Program, working with your 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.

To find out whether you are income eligible for the program, go to our website, ccpcanton.org and click on the link to Giving Tree information on the home page.

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 (Halloween).**

We will call you shortly before the distribution date 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 the distribution day. You may call the Church and Community Office at 315-386-3534, but **only** if you have not heard from us by December 4.

Bring photo identification with you. No gifts will be distributed without an ID with an address in our distribution area. If another person is picking up for you, that person will need a note from you authorizing them to pick up your child's gifts and their own picture ID.

There are several holiday programs in nearby communities. The Giving Tree is intended to serve children who attend (or will attend) Canton Central, Edwards-Knox and Hermon-DeKalb schools. **Families may apply for only one holiday program, and only one member of the family (parent, grandparent with child custody, 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 (HALLOWEEN).**
NO EXCEPTIONS!