



Central Avenue Center of Hope Newsletter



A Place Where All are Welcome

Fall 2018

News from the Site Director:

I want to thank everyone that helped with the Paper Drive for the Center. You did a great job again this year. The items donated will last us for most of the year. We appreciate all the support that the congregations, groups and individuals generously give to Center of Hope. We could not do this ministry without you. Congratulations Bethel Community of Christ Church for winning the trophy again this year.

The Holidays are right around the corner and we have begun working on things. We'll be doing Holiday Baskets for the Elderly again this year. We furnish them with a turkey breast (Thanksgiving) or ham (Christmas) with all the fixings to go with it including a pie. We are planning for 30 to 35 families.

We will have our Thanksgiving Day meal and Christmas meal (Dec. 21). On the next page will be a list of food items needed for each meal. On Dec. 21, we'll also have our Christmas Store (9am to 11am) where parents or grandparents can pick out gifts for the children in their families. We'll need new or gently used toys, games, books, clothes, shoes, personal items etc. These items do not need to be wrapped. After our Christmas meal, we'll hand out gifts for everyone who shared the meal with us. We'll need gifts for women and children of all ages. The gifts will need to be wrapped or in a gift bag that is marked women, or age of the child (girl or boy).



HOW CAN YOU HELP BRING HOPE THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON?

As Christmas quickly approaches, we ask that you remember Central Avenue Center of Hope in your holiday plans. The holiday season is always a joyous and wonderful time and with **YOUR HELP** the Central Avenue Center of Hope can bring that same sense of holiday spirit to the families and individuals we serve!

There are many options for individuals and organizations to assist:



Christmas Store Donations

We are having our Christmas Store again this year. We are currently in need of un-wrapped new or gently used gifts for our gift table. These gifts are for all ages of children and can include new or gently used toys, books, games, hats, scarves, socks and gloves. These gifts will be provided to less fortunate parents and grandparents who are unable to give gifts to their children and grandchildren. The grandparents and parents will be able to select a donated gift from our gift table before our Christmas Lunch for their grandchildren and children.



Christmas Gifts

We need **YOUR HELP TO DONATE GIFTS** for over 200 adults, teens and children who will be in attendance at our Christmas Day meal.

Adult Gifts – Goal = 50 Adult Male and 50 Adult Female Gifts:

In order to assist us with giving each individual an appropriate and equally valued gift, please place your new item(s) valued at \$10-\$15 in a gift bag with a tag stating “adult male” or “adult female”.

May include an assortment of items such as fleece blankets, stocking caps, socks, gloves, underwear (size medium), candy, snack food, pens, lighters, flashlights and other useful items to fill wrapped shoe boxes or gift bags.

Children & Teens– Goal= 50 for ages 0 to 10 and 50 for teens ages 11 to 16:

- In order to assist us with giving each child an appropriate and equally valued gift, please place your new item(s) valued at \$10-\$15 in a gift bag with a tag stating whether the gift is for a “boy” or “girl” and “age range.” For example, “Boy, Age 10-12”.
- May include toys, books, and games either gender or non-gender specific for children 0-12. Please don't forget teens as you shop. Ideas for teens include personal care items (colognes, body sprays) gloves, hats, scarves, purses, wallets, backpacks, and books.

Thanksgiving & Christmas Dinner Food List

These items are needed for each meal:

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| 7 -Turkeys 15lbs or larger | 8 cans Chicken Bullion (chicken broth) |
| 8-10 Hams boneless10lbs | 10 lbs stick Margarine |
| 60 lbs. Potatoes | 2 lg. bags small Marshmallows |
| 4 -No. 10 cans of Green Beans | 2 bags Brown Sugar |
| 4 -No. 10 cans of Corn | 1 gal. Milk |
| 4 -No. 10 cans of Sweet Potatoes | 6-tubs Whipped Topping |
| 24 boxes of Stuffing Mix | Desserts |



We have a new website! Come check it out

<https://centralavenuecenterofhope.org/>

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Susan Lukens has been a very important member of the Central Avenue Center of Hope board since 2010. Due to her health she has asked to step down from the board.

Susan has been a long time friend of Central Avenue Center of Hope. Over the years, she has driven to the center from Leavenworth to help with the lunch time meals and with the holiday meals.

Susan would bring the napkin wrapped plastic ware for the meals along with candy to put on the tables for our guests. During the Thanksgiving and Christmas meals, she would make the marshmallow fruit salad and help out wherever she was needed.

Susan we appreciate all your time, money and energy you have provided to Central Avenue and our clients over the years! We thank you for being a loving servant.



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Have you started your Christmas shopping yet?

Sign up for AmazonSmile and select Central Avenue Center of Hope as your favorite charitable organization. Amazon will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to Center of Hope. It is easy and there is no additional cost to you. Please sign up and help provide a meal or other services for those in need in our community.

Can you help today? Smile.amazon.com

Upcoming Events:

Thanksgiving Lunch on

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 22nd

Christmas Lunch on

Friday, December 21st