

Ulysses Christmas Bureau

Trumansburg, New York

October 30, 2017

Dear Family,

The Ulysses Christmas Bureau is a local program of “neighbors-helping-neighbors”. We help families handle the extra burden the Christmas season creates for those living on a tight budget by providing clothing and gifts for children and extra food for the holidays. The program is open to families in the Trumansburg School district with children under 18 living at home. We can serve children 18-20 if they are enrolled in the Trumansburg school or BOCES. Children can be pre-schoolers, in Headstart, enrolled in the Trumansburg School District or home schooled. We receive support from local organizations and individuals to purchase one outfit of new clothing, hats, gloves, and 1-3 modest toys or games for each child and groceries to help you with meals during the winter break.

Judy Barringer

Shirley Brown

Beckie Cardina

Candy Filios

Sarah DeFranco

Joanie Holtkamp

Julie Jackson

If you are interested in participating, please complete the enclosed application form as soon as possible and return it by **Friday November 17, 2017** in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. We expect to have some donated, good quality, dry-cleaned winter coats and free books. We can provide games for electronic devices; however, **We cannot provide expensive items** like cell phone, iPods, Xbox, etc.

Deborah Jones

When filling out the application form, please be as specific as possible about color preference and clothing size. If you give us specific ideas about the kinds of clothing and modest toys or games your child likes, our volunteers will more likely be able to get what your children will enjoy.

Deborah McIntyre

Please return the application by Friday, November 17, 2017

Carissa Parlato

We need this time to shop in time for distribution on **December 16th**. In early December you will receive a letter informing you of where and when you are to pick up your gifts. Since this is a program of “neighbors-helping-neighbors”, we would also like to encourage you to help others this holiday season if you can. Here are some things you could do to get more involved in our community:

Teresa Palmer

Ally Proctor

Mary Proctor

Mary Ryan

Holly Weatherby

- Volunteer in your child's classroom.
- Volunteer to ring the bell for the Salvation Army in Trumansburg.
For details contact Kendra Trimm, head of the local service unit of Salvation Army at 387-4894.
- Offer to rake leaves or shovel snow for an elderly or house-bound neighbor
- Get library cards for your children, help them choose books, and read to them.

Dawn Young

We wish you a happy and healthy holiday season!

Nancy Zahler

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO RETURN YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION
BY FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2017**

Sincerely,
Ulysses Christmas Bureau

Call Judy or Nancy at 387-3667 if you have any questions. **Please leave a clear message**, with you name and phone number so we can return your call. Please no calls after 9pm.