

# *Ulysses ~Trumansburg Christmas Bureau*

## *Trumansburg, New York*

October, 2019

Dear Family,

The Ulysses /Trumansburg Christmas Bureau is a local program of “neighbors helping neighbors”. We help families handle the extra burdens 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 living in the Trumansburg School District with children under 18 years old and living at home. We can also serve children ages 18-20 if they are still enrolled in the Trumansburg school or BOCES. Children can be pre- school aged, in Headstart, enrolled in the Trumansburg School District, or home schooled. We receive support from individuals and local organization sponsors to purchase one outfit of new clothes, hat & gloves, and one to three modest toys or games for each child, plus groceries to help you with meals during the winter break.

If you are interested in participating in the Christmas Bureau services, please complete the enclosed application form as soon as possible and return it by **Friday November 15, 2019**, using the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

When filling out the application form, please be as specific as possible about color preferences, and clothing sizes. If you give specific ideas about the kinds of clothing styles and modest toys your child likes, our volunteers will more likely be able to get what your children will enjoy. **We can not provide expensive gift items, like cell phones, iPods, Xbox, sports equipment, etc .**

**WE MUST RECEIVE YOUR APPLICATION BY FRIDAY NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>  
FOR YOU TO BE A PART OF THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS BUREAU PROGRAM.**

We need time to shop & prepare the gifts for Christmas Bureau Distribution Day on December 14<sup>th</sup>. In early December, you will receive a letter informing you of where and when you are to come and pick up your family gifts.

If you have any questions about the application, you can call Shirley at 387 6067, or Nancy or Judy at 387 3667 (no calls after 9pm please). To leave a message, give your full name, phone number, & a clear message so we can return you call as quickly as possible.

We wish you a happy & healthy holiday season.  
Sincerely, Ulysses / Trumansburg Christmas Bureau

*Judy Barringer/ Shirley Brown/ Beckie Cardina/ Candy Filios / Sarah DeFranco / Joanie Holtkamp/  
Deborah Jones / Deborah McIntyre/ Carissa Parlato / Ally Proctor/ Mary Proctor/ Holly Weatherby/  
Dawn Young / Nancy Zahler*