

# 12 Days of Christmas!

'Tis the season! Would you like to help an Alexandria family or local non-profit organization in need? Due to COVID-19 and the real struggles that our local neighbors are facing, we offer you different ways to help our friends in need.

Many people will be left vulnerable when the federal eviction protection expires on December 31. **Alexandria families out on the street in January with no room at the inn? Not on our watch!**

**Listed below are 12 ways to give. Make a gift each day, for 12 days, or make one large donation to your favorite charity. Let's put Christmas cheer in the hearts of our deserving neighbors!**

If your family is unable to offer a donation, we ask that you please **share this request with your extended family, friends, and neighbors** who might be able to help this holiday season! It takes a village and people like YOU can bring hope and joy during these hard times.

Blessings to you and yours!

## **12 Ways to Give**

**1. Michael** is a disabled Marine veteran awaiting disability approval, so no income other than SNAP. He lives in great pain due to a severe back injury but is extremely nice and polite. Here is the wish list he sent us. \*A recliner or decent living room chair is a priority and table and chairs, too.

### **Michael's Wish List:**

- A recliner or decent armchair
- Bedroom set (Orthopedic mattress)
- Small dining table with chairs
- Bath towels and face cloths
- Rugs for living room and bedroom and runner for hallway
- Kitchen equipment (pots, pans, dishes, cups, cutlery)
- Flat screen smart TV with entertainment stand

Please contact Kim Scott at 703-589-3637 to make arrangements for delivery or pick up.

**2. Carlos** is a single father of two girls, ages 11 and 14. They live in the West End of Alexandria, having recently moved out of a shelter and into an apartment. He suffers from back pain and his mobility is limited. Due to Carlos's health-related issues, he is currently unemployed. Despite these challenges, his positive outlook on life and his love and care for his daughters outshine any rainy day. Thanks to help of others, the family has received blankets, pillows, toiletries, and an armchair.

**Carlos' Wish List:**

- 2 Twin beds
- Shower mats
- Clothing (Carlos is XL, daughters are XL and XXL)
- Shower stool
- Shoes: 9 ½ and 10 ½.

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**3. Dora** is an immigrant mother in need of some help. She suffers from lupus and leukemia and therefore cannot work at this time. She is single, raising her 4-year-old daughter.

**Dora's Wish List:**

- Bed linens (for twin mattresses)
- Toiletries
- pots and pans
- lamp for her living room.

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**4. Sade** is an ARHA resident and has a 10-year-old daughter. She just started back at her job working full time at Community Multi-Service, a group home for intellectually disabled. She is just getting back on her feet after many months off. Her monthly income is \$1,800. Her rent is \$495.

**Sade's Wish List:**

- Bedroom set for daughter (bunk bed, dresser, lamps, mirror)
- Bedroom set for mother (dresser, lamps, mirror)
- Living room furniture
- Desk for computer
- Floor rugs

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**5. Donate to Casa Chirilagua.** They provide direct help in nutrition, rent and utility payments, child care, tutoring and friendship to Arlandria families: “Casa Chirilagua began in 2007, when three young women moved into the heart of the Chirilagua (also known as Arlandria) neighborhood of Alexandria, Virginia with the goal of listening to the stories and wisdom of their Latino neighbors. After two years of life in the neighborhood, Julia, Emily, and Dawnielle decided to respond to neighbors’ concerns about their kids’ academic progress by opening a reading club in their own apartment. This seedling form of Kids Club grew for two more years before the three ladies established Casa Chirilagua as an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit. Now, Casa Chirilagua is a community of parent committee officers, staff members, board members, church partners, children and their families, and many weekly volunteers working together to see the Kingdom of God established in the neighborhood surrounding that little apartment.” <https://casachirilagua.org/home/>

**6. Donate to the Carpenter’s Shelter:** Carpenter’s Shelter supports the homeless in achieving sustainable independence through shelter, guidance, education and advocacy.  
<https://carpentersshelter.org/give/>

**7. Donate to Christ Church’s Lazarus Ministry:** Lazarus Counselors share Christ's love and mercy with residents in the City of Alexandria in crisis situations by addressing the immediate needs of the individuals seeking assistance. Neighbors come to their doors each week seeking help coping with financial, health, and family crisis. Lazarus volunteers

live out their call as disciples by opening doors to all who wish to enter. <https://www.historicchristchurch.org/get-involved/outreach/lazarus-ministry/>

**8. Donate to Friends of Guest House:** Friends of Guest House helps women successfully reenter the community from incarceration. Since our founding in 1974, Guest House has helped more than 4,000 women break the vicious cycle of incarceration, reunite with their families, and reintegrate into their communities. <https://friendsofguesthouse.org/about/>

**9. Donate to ALIVE!:** Their mission is to alleviate the suffering caused by poverty and to dramatically improve the lives of those in need in the city of Alexandria. <https://www.alive-inc.org/financial-donation/>

**10. Donate to the Arlington Food Assistance Center:** Providing dignified access to free groceries allow families to devote their limited financial resources to obligations such as housing, utilities, medication, and other basic needs. <https://afac.org/>

**11. Donate to Catholic Charities:** They provide food, rent and utilities' assistance to local families. <https://www.cdda.net/>

**12. Donate to United Community Ministries:** In the Huntington area of Alexandria on Route 1. They provide rent and utilities' assistance, maintain a food bank and toy drive for poor local families. <https://www.unitedcommunity.org/>