



MERCIFUL H.E.L.P. CENTER

COMMUNITY CARE DAY

Come join us for the Fifth Annual CommUNITY Care Day

What is CommUNITY Care Day?

Our Lady of Mount Carmel's Merciful HELP Center is in partnership with St. Mary's and St. Ambrose parishes, and Holy Cross Schools. As a parish we provide basic necessities to registered families in Anderson *from your generous Advent angel gifts!* Families receive new coats, hats & gloves, socks, underwear, and shoes. Children also receive a book bag, new uniforms or clothes, and a book to encourage their love of reading. Each family also receives a box of food, a box of toiletries, fresh fruits and veggies. The angel trees will be up until December 12.



Ways YOU Can Help!

Volunteer

Volunteer at
www.MercifulHELPCenter.org
 click on "Volunteer" and then "CommUNITY Care Day" sign-up. This event is held at St. Mary's in Anderson on January 18, 2020. Call 317.663.4039, ext. 5 with questions.

Donate Funds for Food

We buy food at a BIG discount. Every \$1 donation buys \$7 of food at a Food Bank! Take a donation envelope from the trees in the Narthex. Place your donation inside and drop it in the collection basket, or mail it to us! Checks can be made out to "Merciful H.E.L.P. Center" and mailed to:
**1045 W. 146th St., Ste. A,
 Carmel, IN 46032**

TAKE ANGELS

Please choose a few angels off the trees in the Narthex. Angel gifts are due by December 17, 2019.

- Red Angels = Shoes**
- Green Angels = Coats**
- White Angels = School Clothes**
- Blue Angels = Books**
- Orange Angels = Socks & Undies, Diapers & Wipes**
- Yellow Angels = Book Bags**

Meijer Simply Give Campaign

Purchase Meijer Simply Give donation cards at the check-out counter between Sunday, November 10, 2019 – Saturday, January 4, 2020. Double Days are December 3 and December

FAQ's Regarding Angels

- 1. When is the child going to get the items I am donating?**

January 18, 2020, at Community Care Day. We will transport all donations to St. Mary's in Anderson.
- 2. Why are you going to Anderson, IN?**

Because over 84% of all students in Anderson Schools are on free and reduced lunch. The area is underserved and lacks resources to help their own families with basic needs.
- 3. How do you choose who gets help?**

The families complete an application. We drop off applications at St. Ambrose, St. Mary's, Holy Cross Schools, and Anderson Public Schools, Aspire Indiana, Community Partners Children's Bureau, Excel Center, DCS, Food Stamps Office, Work One Office, and Salvation Army (all in Anderson, Indiana).
- 4. What do we give the families?**

Children: New tennis shoes, socks, underwear or diapers, coats, hats, gloves, uniform tops & sweatshirts, book bags and a book.
Adults: New tennis shoes, socks, underwear, coats, hats, gloves and food, fresh produce & toiletries for their family.
- 5. When is my gift due and where do I bring it?**

Due Date is Monday, December 17. Bring donations to the Merciful HELP Center – Located at 1045 West 146th St. Suite A, Carmel, IN. Donation drop off door is on the South side of the Matthew 25 Building. This door is open from 7 a.m. -10 p.m. and is emptied often.
- 6. Can I mail by gift to you from Amazon?**

Yes, to the address above; Attn.: Jayne Slaton-Community Care Day
- 7. Can I just send funds for you to get the gift?**

Yes! Please make check payable to Merciful HELP Center and mail to above address along with the angel to purchase for.
- 8. The size on my angel seems too big or too little, shouldn't I get a different size?**

The size given is what the parent(s) think they wear. If we had a question, we called them about it. We think it is correct. But *every* coat will be used, so please, donate what you are comfortable donating. They will love it!
- 9. How much do you expect someone might spend on an angel?**

We think you can obtain the item depending on the tag color for \$35 or less.
- 10. Does the gift need to be wrapped?**

No, it does not! We display it all nicely for families to choose from.
- 11. How can I help?**

By going to www.mercifulhelpcenter.org and signing up on the Community Care Day sign up genius!
- 12. I want to know more about what the Merciful HELP Center does for families in need and/or I would like to volunteer all year long, what do I do?**

Contact the Merciful HELP Center's volunteer coordinator Tina Malone at MaloneT@MercifulHELPCenter.org or calling 317.663.4039 ext. 7.
- 13. I have more questions because I am just crazy curious, who can I talk to?**

Email CommunityCareDay@mercifulhelpcenter.org
- 14. Are there more angels to take?**

YES! We do have more! You can get them on the tree until December 8, and then they will be in the church and Merciful HELP Center office.
- 15. What kind of shoes do I need to buy?**

Tennis shoes - We promote being active
- 16. Where do I find a uniform shirt?**

Old Navy, Wal-Mart, Target, Gap, Kohls, Land's End! If you want to send it to us directly, please do (see #6 above)
- 17. What do you mean by school shirts?**

Shirts, both short sleeve and long sleeve, appropriate for school wear (not a uniform).
- 18. What kind of coat should I buy?**

A warm one.
- 19. How do I pay for the food that you supply?**

You may write a check to the Merciful HELP Center and put CCD in the memo line. Send your check to the mailing address above. Also, you can purchase Meijer Simply Give donation cards at the check-out counter between Sunday, November 10, 2019 – Saturday, January 4, 2020. Double Days are December 3 and December 13.