

# The Young Women's League of New Canaan

## 12 Days of Giving

*On the 1<sup>st</sup> day of giving my NC family gave to me: a toy donation opportunity...*

- Inspirica Holiday Gift Collection: Sponsor a child's wish list or choose a gift or 2 from their 'most requested' gift list and bring it to one of their convenient drop off locations <https://www.inspircact.org/holiday-gift-collection/>
- Toys for Tots - Drop off unwrapped toys at NEAD's Nutcracker performances at the High School December, 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>, or at the YMCA in New Canaan

*On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of giving my NC family gave to me: a bedtime gift opportunity...*

- Holiday 'blessings in a backpack' for the Bridgeport Rescue Mission: blanket in a bag or a bedtime backpack that includes a stuffed animal, toothbrush, toothpaste, wash cloth, and mild soap. Drop off location 63 Middle Ridge Rd, side porch, before December 8<sup>th</sup>. (Contact Sandra Brady 646-553-3064)

*On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of giving my NC family gave to me: a gift of music opportunity...*

- We have a New Canaan family that has a special wish for their daughter who attends the birth - 3 yrs. STAR program in Norwalk. This exceptional little girl enjoys all things musical. Items such as a kid's guitar, drums, xylophone, piano, microphone, etc. (even tactile toys with sounds!) would provide a ton of comfort. Drop off 21 Old Studio Road on porch (contact [marley.thackray@gmail.com](mailto:marley.thackray@gmail.com)) .

*On the 4<sup>th</sup> day of giving my NC family gave to me: a clothing donation opportunity...*

- Donate clothing to 'Clothes to Kids in Stamford' - Drop off 90 Fairfield Ave., Stamford, CT  
<https://clothestokidsfairfieldcounty.org/donate/accepted-items/>



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*On the 5<sup>th</sup> day of giving my NC family gave to me: a book donation opportunity...*

- Children's books for Bridgeport Rescue Mission (drop off side porch - 63 Middle Ridge Rd.)
- Darien Book Aid - drop off 1926 Post Rd. in Darien  
<http://www.darienbookaid.org/donate-books.html>

*On the 6<sup>th</sup> day of giving my NC family gave to me: a letter writing opportunity...*

- Help Operation Gratitude say thank you to our troops, veterans, new recruits and wounded heroes all year long – letters accepted on a continual basis and are the most cherished items in their Care Packages. (visit <https://www.operationgratitude.com/express-your-thanks/write-letters/> for ideas and delivery instructions)

*On the 7<sup>th</sup> day of giving my NC family gave to me: a food donation opportunity...*

- Grocery shop and donate food items to:
  - ❖ NC Food pantry (call Human Services – 203-594-3076 - for information)
  - ❖ The Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County  
<https://www.foodbanklfc.org/how-to-help#FoodDonations>
  - ❖ Operation Hope <http://www.operationhopect.org/help/>
- Bake cookies for Bridgeport Rescue Mission children  
<https://bridgeportrescuemission.org/ways-to-give/#immediateneeds>
- Make a casserole for mothers at Malta House  
<https://www.maltahouse.org/volunteer>
- Filling in the blanks would love donations of can openers for their families (contact Tina Kramer [tkramer@fillingintheblanks.org](mailto:tkramer@fillingintheblanks.org))

*On the 8<sup>th</sup> day of giving my NC family gave to me: a diaper donation opportunity...*

- DCF (Department of Children and Families) in Norwalk - diapers of all sizes, pull-ups, and wipes (opened boxes and loose diapers accepted) Drop off I-Park Complex, 761 Main Ave., Norwalk, CT



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*On the 9<sup>th</sup> day of giving my NC family gave to me: a volunteering opportunity...*

- Person to Person - Clothing Center or Food Pantry - Drop off 76 S Main St., Norwalk, CT <https://p2phelps.org/volunteers/>
- Sort clothing at 'Clothes to kids in Stamford' - Drop off 90 Fairfield Ave., Stamford, CT <https://clothestokidsfairfieldcounty.org/volunteer/>
- Babysit at Malta House <https://www.maltahouse.org/volunteer>
- Prepare/serve meal at Open Door Shelter in Norwalk (adults only) <http://www.opendoorshelter.org/volunteer/>
- Filling in the Blanks - Food Kits and Fun
- Contact Tina Kramer [TKramer@fillingintheblanks.org](mailto:TKramer@fillingintheblanks.org)

*On the 10<sup>th</sup> day of giving my NC family gave to me: a craft making opportunity...*

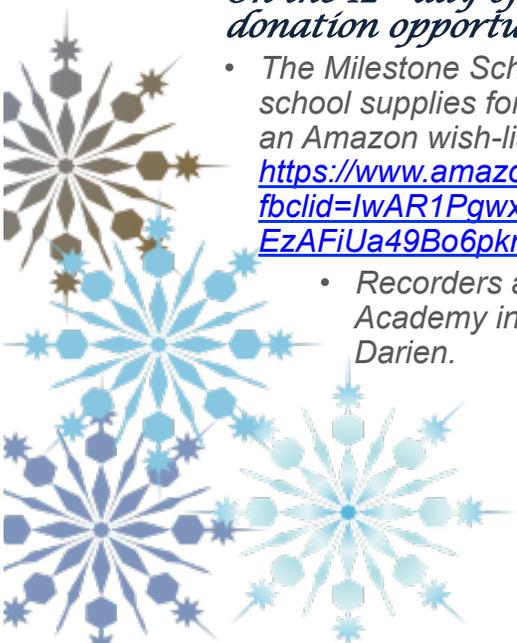
- Stamford Hospital Inpatient Pediatric Unit/Pediatric Emergency Dept. - Together with your child make a get well card and decorate a shoebox/small container, fill it with activities appropriate for a certain age range, such as 3-5 yrs. For example, bubbles, yo-yo's, crayons, little sticker books, etc. Please contact Allie [azylberkan2@gmail.com](mailto:azylberkan2@gmail.com) if you'd like to participate.
- Meals on Wheels - For kids and adults: make a homemade ornament or a holiday themed bookmark. Contact [Meredith.Woerz@gmail.com](mailto:Meredith.Woerz@gmail.com)

*On the 11<sup>th</sup> day of giving my NC family gave to me: a blanket tying opportunity...*

- Circle of Care - tie a blanket with your family that will be given to pediatric cancer patients. A super easy project that becomes a favorite item for these children! Contact [marley.thackray@gmail.com](mailto:marley.thackray@gmail.com) for specs. Drop off at 21 Old Studio Rd. by January 22<sup>nd</sup>

*On the 12<sup>th</sup> day of giving my NC family gave to me: a school donation opportunity...*

- The Milestone School - A not-for-profit elementary school in need of basic school supplies for their students. Stephanie Fox-Urena has put together an Amazon wish-list for her classroom: <https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/30BU55E1WOUOS?fbclid=IwAR1PgwxvPvwSQvDqnHTBHmpCbdAfcUGIBiX-EzAFiUa49Bo6pknOxSbKpoU> (Contact: [Fox.StephanieB@gmail.com](mailto:Fox.StephanieB@gmail.com))
  - Recorders and musical instruments for St. Martin de Porres Academy in inner-city New Haven. Drop off 34 Hillsley Road, Darien.



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