



## The Metropolitan School District of Wayne Township

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### **Terry J. Thompson, Ed. D.**

Superintendent of Schools

October 12, 2009

Dear Families of Wayne Township Schools:

It is hard to believe we are beginning to plan for the upcoming holiday season, but the holidays will be here in a few short months. In the past, our schools have been fortunate to have the staff to organize many forms of holiday assistance for families in our community. Our Home/School Advisors organized and coordinated many of those efforts. With the numerous cuts in education budgets due in part to changes in funding for schools, the difficult decision was made to eliminate the Home/School Advisor position at all schools. For this reason, Wayne Schools are no longer able to organize holiday assistance to families.

We know this will create a void for many families and hope this letter will help provide resources to those in need of assistance during the upcoming months. Schools will no longer be collecting toys, food, or other resources, but will direct families who may need assistance to various agencies around the city. Families will need to call the agencies directly to apply for assistance.

These are tough economic times for everyone and while we want to continue to do all we can to assist, we simply no longer have the resources in our schools to coordinate the assistance. It is my hope the listed agencies will provide every family with needed resources to have a happy and healthy holiday season. Thank you for your understanding and your continued support of Wayne Township Schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry J. Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Terry J. Thompson, Ed. D.  
Superintendent

## AGENCIES TO CALL FOR ASSISTANCE

Category:	Agency:	Address/Phone:	Services:	Other:
Basic Needs	Connect2Help	Dial 2-1-1 <a href="http://www.Connect2Help.org">www.Connect2Help.org</a> 317-926-4357	Food, Clothing, Housing, Shelter and more	Phone line open 24 hours a day
Basic Needs	Christamore House	502 N. Tremont Street 317-635-7211	Emergency Assistance, Food Assistance, After school Programs	Other services offered—Hours, Mon-Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Basic Needs	Wayne Township Trustee's Office	5401 W. Washington St. 317-241-4191	Mortgage/ Rent Assistance Utility Assist. Holiday Assist.	
Basic Needs	Community Caring and Sharing	2830 S. Holt Rd. 317-243-8023	Food and Clothing Various Classes Holiday Assistance-Referrals	Hours: Tues., Wed., and Thurs. 10 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Utility Assistance	Help Thy Neighbor Natural Gas Heating Asst.	<a href="http://www.heatingfund.org">www.heatingfund.org</a> 1-866-628-1616	Works with utility service to prevent heat from being turned off	
Holiday Assistance	United Christmas Service	Central Indiana 317-921-1372	Must be referred by Case Manager or Social Worker (See Community Caring & Sharing)	
Domestic Violence Support Center	Beacon of Hope—Center for Women, Inc.	Westside of Indianapolis 317-201-8389	Shelter Placement and Other Assistance	Call for more information
Food Pantry	St. John's Episcopal Church Food Pantry	5625 W. 30 <sup>th</sup> Street 317-293-0372	Food Assistance	
Food Pantry	Chapel Rock Christian Church Food Pantry	2020 N. Girls School Rd 317-767-4309	Food Assistance	
Food Pantry	Lutheran Child and Family Services, Sharing Place West	3976 Georgetown Road. 317-298-3180	Food Assistance	
Food Pantry	Hawthorne Community Center	70 North Mount Street 317-637-4312	Food Assistance	