

Important Dates

Grandma Gretel's Houses

Saturday, Dec 3rd
American Legion Hall
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Kids Christmas Shopping

Sunday, Dec 4th
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Papa Murphy's WNC Day

Wednesday, Dec 14th

Christmas Meal Distribution

Saturday, Dec 17th
Assembly 11:15a-12:15pm
Delivery 12:00-1:30pm

Register in Advance

Christmas Meal Donations

Deadline is Dec. 25th
See pg 1 or 6 for more info.

Volunteer Evening and Weekend Dates

Saturday, Dec 10th,
Monday, Dec 12th

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Holiday Help Still Needed

Still wanting to help your neighbors this holiday season? There are many ways you can still get involved. **Please note , we are no longer accepting Adopt-a-Family requests.**

Christmas Meals Distributed December 17th

We are providing a **record breaking 240 free Christmas meals** this year, a significant increase from last year. The cost per meal went up as well to \$34.00/meal (still a great price for 2 bags of groceries to feed a family of 6). **We will need nearly \$16,000 just to cover this program, and thus far donations are slow coming in.** Please consider donating \$34.00/meal via check or online. Collect change with your classroom, organization, group or business. Every little bit helps! Without your help, WNC may no longer be able to offer this program. See the donation flyer on page 6, or in the Tribune next week to donate a meal to a family or senior this Christmas .



Shop for or Hold a Drive for Specific Needs

There are many items that we are in need of to help clients this Christmas. **There are over 100 items on our needs list alone.** Hold a collection drive with your organization or business for some of our most needed items such as: **vacuums, dehumidifiers, DVD players, new or gently used snow pants, boots or gloves,; new socks and underwear; or full sized deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, and conditioner.** See the top needs on page 5 or see our website for the [entire needs list](#).



Monetary Donations for WNC Programming Year-Round

Still not sure how to help? **Please consider making a year-end tax deductible donation to WNC** to allow us to keep programs running and the store open year round. You can donate online via credit card, bank transfer or PayPal account, or you can send a check to our mailing address listed at the bottom of the page. **You will receive a tax donation receipt for your contribution, and the satisfaction of knowing that your gift will go towards the greatest needs throughout the year.**

Spotlight Christmas Benefit for WNC



Spotlight Dance Academy is presenting "SDA's T'was the Night Before Christmas" their annual benefit Christmas Show on **Monday, December 19th at 5:30pm (younger dancer show) or 7:00pm (older dancer show) at the Waunakee High School Performing Arts Center.**

Spotlight has once again chosen WNC as the charity for their benefit. **Tickets will be sold at the door for \$5.00, with all proceeds going to WNC** to support the WNC store, and

programs to help our neighbors in need this holiday season and year-round.

In addition to the ticket sales, Spotlight will be collecting donations (listed below) at the show:

- New Pajamas & warm socks (all sizes, esp. teens!);
- Full-Sized Toiletries (esp. deodorant, toothpaste, toilet paper, paper towels)
- New or Gently Used Winter Clothing (esp. snow pants, boots, adult gloves, coats)
- Monetary donations

Please come enjoy some family-friendly Christmas entertainment, and support WNC and families in need this holiday!.



Papa Murphy's Dec. 14th Donation Day for WNC

Papa Murphy's Pizza is again helping WNC for the holidays, with 10% of all sales on **Wednesday, December 14th from 11:00a.m. to 8:30p.m..** We also need 2 volunteers to help for each shift from 12-2pm; 2-4pm, and 4-6pm.

"Come in to Papa Murphy's in Waunakee and get a take 'n' bake pizza. We use all fresh ingredients to create a mouthful of happiness.

On December 14, 2011 we will be donating 10% of all sales to Waunakee Neighborhood Connection. The more pizzas you buy, the more money we donate so do not be shy."



Grandma Gretel's Gingerbread Houses



Come make a gingerbread house with Grandma Gretel. A constructed gingerbread house is provided. Please bring any special items you want to use to decorate your house.

WHEN: Saturday, December 3, 2011

WHERE: Waunakee American Legion Hall Post 360, 417 E Main Street, Waunakee, WI

WHY: 100% of proceeds will be used to benefit **WNC** and local projects for our **Armed Services**

TIME: Any time from 11:00am – 2:00pm

COST: Donation of \$10.00 per Gingerbread House is requested. Please email grandma-gretel@gmail.com to reserve a house.

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VOLUNTEER TO HELP ASSEMBLE OR DELIVER 240 CHRISTMAS DINNERS!

Our Christmas Meal distribution day is Saturday, December 17th, and we need your help to make it all happen. We are still need of assembly and delivery volunteers! We will be at the Waunakee Intermediate School Cafeteria, located at 303 South St. Shifts are as follows:

- 1) Setup - 10:00-11:15am: Adults & Teens only, heavy lifting to unload the food truck.
- 2) Assembly - 11:15am - 12:15pm: Help fill the grocery bags full of food and donated items
- 3) Delivery - 12:00 - 1:30pm: Delivery free meals to homes of families and seniors in need.

You must pre-register online. That way we can reach you in case of inclement weather. Register on our website via the [Christmas Meal Volunteer Form](#) to help. We will confirm your registration and send you further instructions via email. Hope to see you there!



Warm Neighbors Holiday Program

Waunakee Utilities has partnered with WNC this season to help keep our neighbors warm. **Now through December 12th, they are accepting \$20 donations as well as donations of new, unused sheet sets and twin/full/queen/king size blankets** for WNC clients to help those who are having a hard time paying for their heat this winter. These sheets and blankets are one small way we all can help keep our neighbors warm and help

them keep their utility bills low. **For every sheet set, blanket, or \$20 donation to WNC that you donate at the Waunakee Utilities Office, they will give you 1 - 25' strand of LED holiday lights.**

These lights use 1/10th of the energy compared with traditional mini lights. The offer is limited to 3

donations (3 strands of lights) per customer. Waunakee Utilities Office is at 322 Moravian Val-

Murphy Insurance Annual Jean Day Giving

Murphy Insurance Group presented **WNC Executive Director, Genna Eaton** with a check for \$952 **recently**. This check is **the third annual donation by Murphy Insurance**. Year-round, employees donate \$1.00 to wear jeans to work. \$1.00 doesn't sound like much, but when collected over an entire year by a group of people, it makes a huge difference!

Thank you to **Murphy Insurance employees** for continuing this generous giving tradition. We can't wait to see what you do for 2012!

Why not start a program like this with your business, group, organization, classroom or church. A little bit goes a long way!



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Colleen's Contemplations

It's not about the stuff.

This a phrase I've uttered and heard frequently over the years. Despite having a lot of stuff, needing a lot of space for the stuff, and giving out tons of stuff; it's still not about the stuff. No season reminds me of this more than Christmas. Every business is pushing the stuff. All the commercials are telling us about the stuff we need. At WNC we're rearranging the stuff, getting it ready for shopping days and the special events we host in December. There are hours of prep before any of our programs. Prior to the day, we figure out how to sort, package, and deliver the Christmas meal. Prior to kids shopping, we figure out how to collect, organize, and wrap all the gifts.

But it's still not about the stuff. It's about caring for people who might not feel very cared for. It's about allowing people to retain a little pride in very humbling circumstances. It's about personally reaching out to neighbors and letting them know that someone else is aware of their struggle. It's about a hand up, not a hand out. Hands in hands, not stuff.

Sure, the stuff helps, but, it's so NOT about the stuff.

Colleen Woerner, WNC Store Manager



We thank you all for making 2011 a wonderful year for helping our neighbors. We look forward to working with you to make an even bigger difference in 2012. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year! ~ WNC

WNC NEEDS YOUR VOTES!

WNC Executive Director, Genna Eaton, has been nominated for the Culver's **Hometown Hero Award**. Winner of the award will receive \$5,000 that Genna will give to WNC. Voting is on Facebook at <https://apps.facebook.com/hometownhalloffame/entry/217934>.

You can vote every day until 4:59 pm on December 5th. Please tell your families, friends and neighbors to vote so we can all help win \$5,000 for WNC, the organization that does so much for our neighbors!

Many Elves to Thank

We have so many elves running around so busy right now preparing for all of our holiday programs that we've run out of time to get our detailed thanks written for everything that happened in November. **Thanks to all of you who have made the last two months so fantastic**. Stay tuned as we'll catch up to all of the proper thanks and pictures next month. For now, here's a quick list of thanks for a few of our elves!

- Thanks to **Phil Willems** for supplying pumpkins for our clients at Halloween.
- **Just Between Friends** owner **Aleisha Gurrie**, for the generous partnership/donation of kids' clothing, books, toys and baby items after their back-to-school sale. Thank you to **Tom and Terri Witak, Brenda Phebus and her daughter** for picking up JBF items and delivering to the WNC store!
- Thank you to **all who helped at the store in November** to move our storage and to reorganize the store. If you haven't seen the store in a few weeks you won't believe the change!
- Thank you to those who helped with supplying items for, decorating and filling Halloween bags for clients children. Special thanks to **TDS** for the candy, **Borders Books** for donations, and **Intermediate Student Volunteers** for putting it all together so nicely.

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NEEDS LIST

If you have any of these items, please drop them off at our store **when we are open**, or **at the Police Station**, Mon-Fri from 7am—5pm. All donations are tax-deductible.

Appliances

Dehumidifiers (4)
Microwave (7)
Refrigerator (1)
Vacuums (11)

Furniture

Beds (11)

Cribs (3)

Chairs (6)
Coffee Tables (5)
Couch (3)
Dining Sets (16)
Dressers (8)
Video Cabinet (2)

Electronics

DVD Player (5)
Phone

Small Appliances

Blenders (6)
Fans (1)
Toaster


Misc. Items

Area Rugs (2)
Bicycles (2)
Coats (XL, 2X & 3X)
Computers (4)
Dryer Sheets
Exercise Ball—Large

Floor Lamps (3)

Garbage Cans (small)
Glassware
Kitchen Towels (4)
Pots & Pans (4)
Scooter (Kids)
Snow Blower

December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Christmas Meal Donation Drive All Month!				1 Intermed. Students 2:30-4pm	2 CLOSED	3 Gingerbread House Decorating 11am-2pm at American Legion
4 Kids shop- ping 1-4pm WNC	5 Volunteer 8:30am- 12:30pm CLIENT Shopping 5-8pm	6	7 Volunteer 8:30am- 12:30pm	8 Intermed. Students 2:30-4pm	9 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am- 12:30pm	10 Volunteer & Donations 9:00am-Noon
11	12 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm & 6pm-8pm	13 CLIENT Shopping 5-8pm	14 CLIENT Shopping 10am-1pm WNC DAY at Papa Murphys	15 Intermed. Students 2:30-4pm	16 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am- 12:30pm	17 Christmas Meal Assembly 11:15am-12:15pm Delivery 12:00-1:30pm Intermediate School
18	19 CLIENT Shopping 8:30am-12:30 Spotlight Benefit for WNC 5:30 & 7:00pm PAC at WHS	20	21 CLOSED	22	23 CLOSED No School	24
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Give a Christmas Dinner to a Waunakee Family in Need!

Waunakee Neighborhood Connection (WNC) is partnering with our local SHARE organization, the Waunakee Intermediate School, and the Waunakee Community to provide a free Christmas dinner to families and seniors in the greater Waunakee area who are in need of help this holiday season. With each donation of \$34.00, you can provide a family with the fixings for a wonderful Christmas meal which includes:



6 lb. Boneless Honey Ham, Canned Pineapple, Sweet Potato Casserole, Fresh Produce including: potatoes, broccoli, carrots, apples, & oranges, Additional Seasonal Fresh Fruits & Vegetables, and an 8" Apple Pie

Donation Deadline is Dec. 24th

You can donate a Christmas dinner online or via check.

To make an online donation via a major credit card, bank account or PayPal account, visit our website. **To donate via check** detach and fill out the form below, enclose your check for _____ (\$34.00 per meal) made payable to Waunakee Neighborhood Connection, and mail both to the address listed. All donations are tax-deductible, and you will receive a tax donation receipt via mail or email. For more information about WNC, our Christmas Meal and other WNC Christmas programs, please call us at **(608) 849-5740**, email us at info@WaunakeeNC.com or visit:

WWW.WAUNAKEENEIGHBORHOODCONNECTION.COM

Yes, I would love to donate ____ Christmas dinner(s) and help out my Waunakee area neighbors. I have enclosed my check for _____ (\$34.00 per meal) payable to: Waunakee Neighborhood Connection.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Please add my email address to your mailing list to receive your monthly newsletter.

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