

Dear Parents and Guardians, Care for the Holiday's 2018 has begun. Residents of Benton County are eligible to apply for assistance through the Toys for Tots program. Residents outside of Benton or Washington County are eligible to apply for assistance through the Care for Kids Program. Residents of Washington County can apply for the Toys for Tots program by contacting LifeSource International at (479) 521-4000.

Due to the limited space at our location, we ask that you do not bring children with you for the application process. Only parents or legal guardians (must have proof of legal guardianship) may apply. All applicants must provide copies of the following documentation: \*APPLICANT MUST BRING COPIES.

# **Documents Needed to Apply for Assistance**

## Legal Guardian Documents

- Photo identification of applicant.
- Proof of Social Security Number (copy of card) or proof of ITIN.
- Proof of residency: A utility bill (water, gas, electric or cable) in the applicant's name and physical address (non P.O. Box) is required for proof of residency.
  - Cell phone bills or car insurance will not be accepted.
  - In instances that a utility bill is not in the applicant's name, the applicant may have a Care for the Holidays Proof of Residency Form completed and with the applicant's name on it by property owner or non-relative for those with a mortgage.
- Two phone numbers (main phone number and a number of a person close to the applicant). Proof of family income: applicants must show proof of all earned and unearned income.
- The pay stubs for the last 90 days. August October or September November
  - If there is more than one employer during the year, bring your last pay stub from each employer.

### Handwritten notes will not be accepted.

- DHS Recipients of SNAP recipients must bring current 2018 Notice of Action from DHS. Please note the local DHS office will not provide applicants with a duplicate copy of the Notice of Action.
- 2017 Income Tax return

# **Child Documents**

- Official issued birth certificate OR proof of legal guardianship for each child. Applicant's name must be listed as the parent or guardian.
- Proof of Social Security Number (copy of card) for each child OR obtain a printed student summary from the school the child attends.
- For homeschooled children, please bring verification of student status.

# **Participation Agreement**

By applying with Care for the Holidays, applicants are agreeing not to seek any assistance with other organizations such as, but not limited to Sharing and Caring, Salvation Army, Shop with a Cop, school and church programs.

For questions, please call 479-246-0104