

Harvest Ministries and Community Partners Provide Nearly 200 Turkeys to Families

Harvest Ministries annual "Great Turkey Giveaway" campaign started in late September with a goal of 200 Thanksgiving Turkeys to distribute to random families. On Saturday November 18 Harvest Ministries and volunteers visited various neighborhoods in Anson County delivering a Thanksgiving blessing to 194 families!



Founder/Senior Pastor of Harvest Tim Adams stated, "The greatest blessing we can get is when we become a blessing to someone else." Harvest Lead Pastor Steve Adams added, "When you knock on a pastor's door, and simply say 'We just want to bless you today' and to see the reaction of thankful people, it reminds us what Thanksgiving is all about."

Pastor Steve shared that this year's give a way could not have been possible without the generous donation of so many people through Facebook, GoFundMe, and others. Many local community leaders and residents dropped off donations, purchased turkeys, and simply gave knowing that a life would be blessed.

Adams said, "I want to say a special thanks to Miss Gloria Howard of Charlotte who donated 26 turkeys for this year's blessing, Mrs. Brittany Price and the Anson County High School Rotary Interact Club who raised & donated \$160 to purchase turkeys, Playaz Elite Motorcycle Club, Sole2Soul Ministry, Twin Valley Country Club, Pastor Mark Perko, Minister Rachel Melton, Regina Lloyd Brown, Commissioner Vancine Sturdivant, Teresa Tupper of Wendy's for storage of the turkeys and every person who gave online! Your investment made this possible! And lastly, we thank the faithful folks of Harvest Ministries Outreach Center for their love, compassion, and desire to 'be the blessing.' Special thanks to Deaconess Lisa Smith and Marty Palange for coordinating turkey purchases and pickups." Pastor Steve added that now Harvest is focused on the 18th annual



Community Christmas Blessing event which will be held at Harvest on December 17 at 10:30 a.m. At this event every child will receive a Christmas toy, as well as many other prizes and opportunities for families to receive a Christmas Blessing. For more information or to donate to this cause, Adams can be reached at 704-695-2879.

Free Groceries Available to Eligible Families Next Two Saturdays

Free USDA foods will be distributed this Saturday, December 2 and next Saturday, December 9, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center (BRLC). Please note that neighbors will only be served once monthly with these items as long as they last.

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Food Distribution Division provide these food items through the Second Harvesting Food Bank of Metrolina. The US federal income guidelines will be a determining factor for individual's eligibility. The food items will only be available to Ansonians. Individuals who have not registered or received food before from the BRLC Emergency food Pantry must have financial documentation as proof of income to be served. Those families that receive food stamp assistance will automatically qualify. Parents are asked not to bring children due to limited seating space. Neighbors are asked to please park in parking lot behind center.

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You can contact BRLC at 704-826-8182 for information. BRLC is located at 13349 Highway 742 North in Burnsville, across from the Fire BRLC.



Christmas Back in Time Performance

The Ansonville Historical Society will feature two performances of *Christmas Back in Time* at Cedar Hill United Methodist Church this Saturday, December 2. This is a Williamsburg Christmas event that features natural decorations, candlelight, live violin and flute, plus carolers dressed 'back in time.' Rev. Robert Burr will read the Christmas Story.

The performances are at 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Cedar Hill United Methodist Church is located at 11315 Pinkston River Road. For more information call 704-826-8470.

Children Invited to Visit with Santa After the Parade

Anson County Partnership for Children is inviting children of all ages to visit with Santa on Saturday, December 2 after the Wadesboro Christmas parade. The parade takes place at 2 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus will visit with children at First Presbyterian Church in Wadesboro.

Children can write their wish list while waiting to talk to Santa. Mrs. Claus will be giving out special winter-themed book. Pictures of children will be taken during the visit and posted on the Partnership's Facebook page. Parents are encouraged to take pictures as well. Following the visit, Santa will mail a special letter to all the children from the North Pole. This event is free to the public.



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