

Ankeny Virtual Backpack

Volunteering, Drives, and Giveaways

Name of Event: Community Cares Coat Drive & Warm Winter Items

Grade Level: K-12

Event Type: Volunteering, Drives, and Giveaways

Event Date: 12/1/2020

Audience: All Students K-12

Details: In Place of the "Polar Express" Movie 2020-We will still be collecting Warm Winter Items or Donations to be distributed by Ankeny Service Center. Drop Off sites listed below.

Location: American Family 131 N. Ankeny Blvd; AR Workshop 1631 SW Main St #104; Ankeny B&B Theatres; Blue Bean 110 N. Ankeny Blvd; Coldwell Banker 2425 N Ankeny Blvd & Lincoln Savings Bank 1375 SW State Street - DROP OFFS

Organization Name: American Family, AR Workshop, Ankeny B&B Theatres, Blue Bean, Coldwell Banker, Lincoln Savings Bank

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Name of Event: TAKE Christmas Room

Grade Level: K-12

Event Type: Volunteering, Drives, and Giveaways

Event Date: 12/23/2020

Audience: K-12 families

Details: Holidays a little tougher this year? Let TAKE help! The Christmas Room is a special yearly event at TAKE to provide shoppers with items suitable as gifts for their families, at no cost. Christmas Room will be open December 1-23, 8:30-10:30 a.m., Mon-Fri & 2nd Saturday. Enter at Door E10 of Neveln Center (406 SW School Street). COVID-19 restrictions in place, masks required. Sorry--no children under 18. Shoppers may shop once per week, with timed sessions.

Location: TAKE, 406 SW School St., E10 Entrance

Organization Name: TAKE (The Ankeny Klothing Exchange)

Contact Name: Lu Ann Barnes

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Event URL: <https://takeankeny.org/the-christmas-room/>

Name of Event: Ankeny Service Center's Holiday Assistance Program

Grade Level: K-12

Event Type: Volunteering, Drives, and Giveaways

Audience: K-12 families

Details: The Ankeny Service Center is gearing up for its annual Holiday Assistance program. Last year over 230 families and 650 children received gift certificates, toys, clothes, and other items. If you are interested in helping a family this holiday season, please email ckarpan@ankenyservicecenter.org for more information. Applications are also now being accepted for those who need assistance. Forms can be completed online. If you know someone that does not have internet access, please refer them to the Ankeny Service Center's new location at 1517 N. Ankeny Blvd., Suite B.

Location: Ankeny Service Center, 1517 N. Ankeny Blvd., Suite B, Ankeny, IA 50023

Cost: Free

Organization Name: Ankeny Service Center

Contact Name: Charisse Karpan

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Event URL: <https://www.ankenyservicecenter.org/holiday-assistance-program>

Name of Event: Faith and Education Winter Donations (FEWD)

Grade Level: K-12

Event Type: Volunteering, Drives, and Giveaways

Event Date: 11/14/2020 and 11/15/2020

Audience: Pre-K through school-age Ankeny students

Details: Save the date for the annual Winter Apparel Giveaway! Coats, hats, gloves/mittens, and snow pants will be distributed to pre-school and school-age youth who live in the Ankeny Community School District, free of charge. This year's giveaway will be held at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church on Saturday, November 14 from 12:00-3:00 pm and Sunday, November 15 from 1:00-4:00 pm.

Location: 510 E. First Street, Ankeny, IA 50021

Cost: Free

Organization Name: Project Fresh Start

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