

Caring and Sharing

- Provides Thanksgiving food boxes, gift cards for perishable food items, and clothing vouchers in partnership with Interfaith Ministries.
- Provides Christmas food boxes, gift cards for perishable food items, toys and clothing for children, and gift certificates for teens.
- Identifies families in need through churches, schools and other service organizations within our area. Holds interviews and screens clients to verify residency and need.
- Collects food through drives conducted by churches, schools, businesses, and civic organizations in our community.
- Collects funds through fundraisers and donations by individuals, businesses, civic organizations, and churches in our area.
- Adopts projects periodically to meet a need that has been identified, i.e.: funds provided to local schools to provide weekend meals for children.
- Provides resources during times of emergency and crises in our area.
- Any excess food after the Christmas distribution weekend is made available to local churches and agencies in south Santa Rosa County that provide for individuals in need on a year-round basis.

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Everyone can help!

- Pass this information to individuals or families who may need help this year.
- Participate in community food drives that support C&S during November & December.
- Make a monetary donation which will be used to purchase gift cards for perishable food items and clothing vouchers for the children.
- Donate non-perishable food (no glass please) during the community food drives designated for Caring and Sharing.
- Attend our informal monthly planning meeting. We meet at the Community Life Center the second Monday of the month. Please see our website calendar for more information.
- Volunteer before and/or on distribution weekends. If you want to help, you are welcome and needed. Call 396-0321 or use the "Contact Us" feature of the website
- If you know of a family or individual who needs help in other areas, please have them call Santa Rosa First Call for Help: 850-983-7200.

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For over 30 years, Caring and Sharing has provided holiday assistance for those in need living in South Santa Rosa County.

Are you in need of holiday assistance?

Any individual/family in need this holiday season **must** attend one of our three interview sessions. Applications must be approved in order to receive assistance.

Interview sessions will be held ONLY at the following location on the dates listed below:

Liberty Church
6006 Gulf Breeze Pkwy.
Gulf Breeze, FL
(next to Meredith Lumber, Hwy 98)

- Saturday, October 22nd
2:00-4:30
- Sunday, October 23rd
2:00-4:30
- Monday, October 24th
5:00-8:00

Child care is not provided, so please make other arrangements for children.

Eligibility requirements Please bring all of these documents with you for interviews:

- **Proof of Identity - Photo ID for all adults, AND birth certificates for all children (for age verification purposes only). SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTED!**
- Letter of Eligibility for food stamps from DCF (if applicable).
- Proof of residence (recent utility bill) You **MUST** live in South Santa Rosa County **AND** have a Navarre or Gulf Breeze street address.
The boundary lines are:
East to Okaloosa/Santa Rosa County Line; North to the Yellow River Bridge; West to include Gulf Breeze, Navarre, & Pensacola beach.
- Proof of ALL household income (pay stub, W-2 form, SSI form, etc.)
- Rent/Mortgage receipt (recent month)

Clients will only be contacted after interviews if there is question regarding documentation/eligibility.

Other information needed:

- Dietary restrictions of the household.
- Underwear/diaper, shirt, pant, and shoe sizes for children.
- Wish list items for children. They may choose ONE gift type: a bike/trike/wagon OR 3 toy items. The more specific description, the better.

Holiday Distribution

Approved clients will receive their assistance at the following locations on the dates listed below:

Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 20th,
12:00-3:00

West Navarre Intermediate School
1970 Cotton Bay Lane, Navarre

Christmas

Sunday, December 18th,
12:00-3:00

Oriole Beach Elementary School
1260 Oriole Beach Road,
Gulf Breeze

Helpful hints for distribution:

- Bring a photo ID and your client postcard.
- If you cannot pick up your assistance, others may pick up for you. They will need a written letter from you and their photo ID to do so.
- Child care is not provided. Also, large items such as bikes are not hidden, so children may see gifts that are being picked up.
- If possible, bring a vehicle large enough to pick up all of your items, particularly items such as bikes and wagons.