



Season's Greetings

Spreading joy and hope this holiday season.

Holiday Workshop

Saturday, Dec 18

9:00 am-1:00 pm

Sunday, Dec 19

3:30 pm-7:00 pm

Monday, Dec 20

9:00 am-1:00 pm

1:00 pm-4:00 pm

Tuesday, Dec 21

1:00 pm-4:00 pm

4:00 pm-7:00 pm

Wednesday, Dec 22

3:30 pm-7:00 pm

Thursday, Dec 23

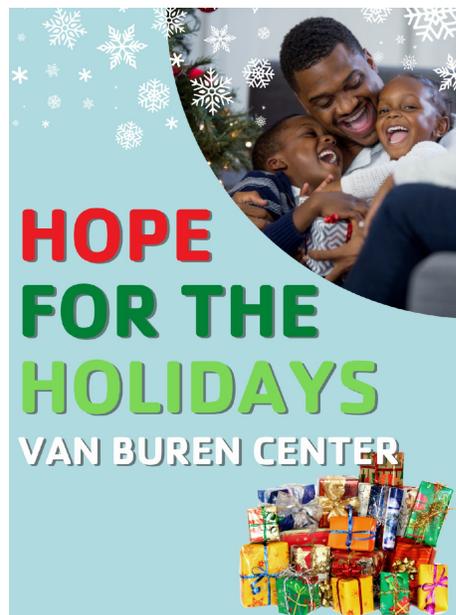
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Friday, Dec 24

9:00 am-12:00 pm

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Tis' the Season for spreading joy and giving love! Each year the Van Buren Center makes certain that every child in shelter experiences the magic of the holiday season. We make sure that our adult men and women are included in our season of giving and have a chance to feel the same.

It is our mission to ensure every child and adult who has to spend their holiday at Van Buren has a reason to smile and feel joy. To learn more about how you can be a part of our season of giving scroll down to learn about all our holiday volunteer opportunities.

Holiday Workshop

Our Holiday Workshop is a week-long

event for the children staying in our Family shelter and truly is a magical experience for everyone involved.

Each family at the Van Buren Center has the opportunity to participate. Parents sign up for an appointment to visit our Holiday Workshop where they pick out gifts for their children. Together with the help of our elves (volunteers) parents shop and wrap each gift. The experience gives parents the chance to personally select items for their kids as well as give gifts to them.

In order to make this event a success every year, we rely on our volunteers and community partners. For questions please email vbvolunteer@ymcacolumbus.org



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Ways to Give Hope This Season



Give Joy by purchasing items off our Target Wish List help us make sure every child in shelter has a reason to smile this holiday season. We have a high need for gifts for older children this year.

[Target Wish List](#)



Serve Love by volunteering in our Caring Kitchen on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day and spread holiday cheer.

[Holiday Meal Service Sign-Up](#)



Celebrate the Holiday Season with our families. This year's Holiday Party will include snacks, games, crafts, and pictures with Santa. The event will be held on December 17 from 5:00-6:30.

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Create Joy by providing funds for the holiday meals or food items for our shelter guest holiday meal.

*Checks should be made out to **YMCA of Central Ohio** and in the memo section write: Van Buren Holidays. Donations should be sent to **595 Van Buren Dr. ATTN: Carolyn Slebodnik.**

[Learn More](#)

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More Ways to Give

During the winter season, the Van Buren Center increases the number of beds and the number of individuals we serve through our Winter Overflow Program. The Winter Overflow Program provides one-night stays to single adult men and women who during the cold season seek a temporary warm and safe place to stay.

This program provides a necessary and vital service in our community but increases our need and demand for essential hygiene, linen, and seasonal items.

To help support our efforts to serve our community's most vulnerable population consider donating items found on our Amazon Wish List.

[Amazon Wish List](#)

Seasonal Donation Needs

- Coats** Adult and Child All Sizes
- Hand Warmers**
- Combs/Brushes**
- Underwear** *New* All Sizes Adult and Child
- Sweatpants/ Sweaters** *New* All Sizes Adult and Child
- Travel Size Shampoo, - Conditioner & Body Wash**
- Depends** All Sizes Men & Women

[Van Buren Volunteer & Donation Hub](#)

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