



2019 – our 50th year!

# Christmas Sharing

OF WHEATON WARRENVILLE

*A community-wide effort to bring a nicer  
Christmas to over 900 families!*

## IT'S CHRISTMAS SHARING TIME!

Christmas Sharing of Wheaton Warrenville served over 900 families last year. As our economy continues to fluctuate, the need remains for 2019.

During November and early December, students in School District 200 collect food, new and gently used clothing, and toys to help less fortunate families in our area. Sponsored by School District 200, churches in Wheaton and Warrenville, individuals, and businesses, this program reaches to all corners of our community.

Families apply to participate in the program through their children's school. They are then sent a letter of invitation to come to one of the designated churches to make their selections. Families may choose clothing and household goods, new Christmas toys for their children, and receive a box of food. World Relief also plays an active role in identifying newly arrived families that are in need of assistance in our area.

School District 200 donates its vans to transfer the collected items to various churches. Every church prepares for Christmas Sharing in its own way, but mostly it is a week of sorting, sizing, and stacking clothing, shoes, toys, and household items. Non-perishable food boxes are prepared for each family.

Local businesses donate food, paper goods, soap and clothing. Individuals and civic groups donate money, which is used to purchase gift certificates to local grocery stores, which are then given to each family. Many area restaurants donate meals for volunteers as they work to prepare for this community-wide event.

This quiet miracle has happened in our community every year for the past 49 years. Won't you please find it in your heart to help?

For further information about our program, contact Julie Nelligan through the Gary UMC office at (630) 668-3100.

## DONATE FOOD, CLOTHING OR TOYS!

Contact any participating church for details: Aldersgate United Methodist, First Presbyterian, Gary United Methodist, Holy Cross Lutheran, St. John Lutheran and Trinity Episcopal of WHEATON, –or– Wellspring Alliance and Community Baptist of WARRENVILLE.

## SEND A CHECK TODAY!

Christmas Sharing of Wheaton Warrenville is an IRS recognized 501(c)3 Public Charity. All donations are tax deductible. Our F.E.I.N. is 20-8322874. Except for a small annual state filing fee, funds collected for our charity are used to purchase food, clothing, and toys for our invited guests who reside within School District 200. For more information about donations, contact Gary United Methodist (630) 668-3100.

### • WRITE YOUR CHECK TO:

Christmas Sharing of Wheaton Warrenville

Include your name and address if different than the information on the check. If you would like a receipt, please include a note stating request.

### • MAIL YOUR CHECK TO:

Christmas Sharing of Wheaton Warrenville  
Laura K. West, Treasurer  
c/o Gary UMC  
224 N. Main Street  
Wheaton, Illinois 60187

**Distribution takes place Fri. DEC. 13 and Sat. DEC. 14, 2019**

(Checks received after these dates will be used for the following year's program.)