

Can you believe the weather is already getting cooler, the leaves are changing, and we are moving full speed ahead into the holiday season??!! We realize that while these are exciting times, they can also be stressful for financial reasons. Therefore, we wanted to make sure you are aware of the agencies that will be offering Holiday assistance for our families in Haywood County and the dates for signing up for assistance. Please be aware that no applications are to be turned into your child's School counselor or Social Worker this year. Also, due to the number of families needing assistance, families can only sign up with one agency for assistance. Due to the limited number of funds we cannot guarantee that you will receive Christmas assistance. Siblings may be served by different agencies, depending on services available and age limits set by the agency. If the agency you apply with becomes full, your information will be forwarded to another agency. Please pay attention to the following dates and be aware that you may be asked to provide proof of income and expenses, social security numbers, and picture identification. You will be informed and your permission obtained if your child needs to be transported by the school via school bus. Finally, all Holiday assistance is made possible by the incredible generosity of the community; including Evergreen, Sheriff's department, local churches, local businesses, and local clubs/groups. If you would like to donate items or adopt a student for Christmas, please contact your school's counselor or social worker.

Agency: Long's Chapel United Methodist-You must have proof that you are the guardian of the child you are applying for

(birth certificate, report card) and proof of residence (bill, mail with your name and address).

Address: 133 Old Clyde Rd, Waynesville, NC 28785

Dates: Monday October 5th 1:00-7:00

Wednesday October 7th 9:00-2:00

Agency: Haywood Christian Ministries

Address: 150 Branner Ave, Waynesville, NC 28786

Dates: Month of October M-F 9am-12pm or 1pm-4pm

Agency: Salvation Army (Birth to 12 years old)

Address: 290 Pigeon St, Waynesville, NC 28786

Dates: October 12-October 16

Haywood County School sign up dates will be held at these locations in the parking lots (in a drive-up fashion):

September 14th at **Pisgah High School:** 11am-4pm

September 15th Junaluska Elementary School 9:00 am-2:00 pm

October 26th **EC center in Clyde** 2pm-7pm

November 5th **EC center in Clyde** 2pm-7pm

There is also an online application at Haywood County Schools.