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ACCORD's Community Action Angels Program Sponsors Holiday Assistance Program 2021.

Program will provide gifts to Allegany County children up to age 18.

Belmont, NY- ACCORD's Community Action Angels (CAA) are proud to announce they are gearing up to help families in Allegany County who find themselves in need of holiday assistance. Community Action Angels Coordinator Melissa Payne reports, "With generous support from our community and volunteers, the Community Action Angels program was able to assist 428 children last year." Based on demand for other services, ACCORD expects the need will be just as great this year.

There are many holiday assistance programs across the county. A list of holiday gift and food programs is available on ACCORD's website. Families are asked to apply in their own communities if the community has a program. If families find a program is not available in their community or it does not meet their needs, they are welcome to apply through CAA.

There are 2 ways to apply:

One option is to go to www.accordcorp.org, click on Services, select Community Action Angels, then follow the link to complete a Holiday Assistance pre-registration form. One form should be submitted per family. Once submitted, an ACCORD staff will follow up to complete the registration process. Copies of income are required.

The other option is to call our ACCESS Center. A Services Navigator can complete the application over the phone. They will provide information on how to send in copies of family income to finalize the application.

Children age 10 and under will receive gifts. Children 11 to 18 will receive gift cards.

Individuals, teams, committees, programs or businesses interested in assisting with gifts or monetary donations for this year's Holiday Assistance Program should contact Melissa Payne at 585-268-7605, extension 1401, for information on how to best support families in need this holiday season.

Community Action Angels is a group of dedicated volunteers who work together to provide support to Allegany County residents through a variety of programs and services. For information on how to volunteer, contact Melissa Payne at 585-268-7605, extension 1401.

