

# Early Learning & Childcare and Before & After School Care (BASE) SOCIAL IMPACT PROJECTS



## October

Oct is Lights On After School. Join the national celebration of after care programs.

Make a poster to share with your school and community on why after care matters.

## November

Nov 17 - 23 is Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. Meet community champions!

Collect boxes of cereal and breakfast/granola bars to support local pantries.

## December

December we prepare to spend time with loved ones and welcome the new year.

Make an ornament to share with neighbors that might be lonely this time of year.

Threads of Warmth: drop off new hats, gloves, & scarves for kids. Due Oct 15.  
Bags of Gratitude: fill a food bag with our shopping list of items. Due Nov 1.  
Gifts of Joy: create a Gift of Cheer Kit with our shopping list. Due Dec 1.

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OCTORARA YMCA PROGRAM CENTER • OSCAR LASKO YMCA AND CHILDCARE CENTER • UPPER MAIN LINE YMCA  
WEST CHESTER AREA YMCA

branches of the YMCA of Greater Brandywine are also donation drop off locations for projects.

# HOLIDAY CHEER

If you need support this holiday season or  
would like to help further, scan here



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## **Threads of Warmth (The YGBW and Autodealers CARing for Kids Coat Dist):**

A collaboration to provide young children in the community and in our care with a new coat. We are collecting new gloves, hats, and scarves for this outreach. Collections Open Sept 15 - Oct 15.

## **Bags of Gratitude (previously known as the Thanksgiving Baskets Program):**

An in-kind donation outreach initiative where YMCA and community members anonymously purchase and pack a YMCA bag filled with shelf-stable food items and a \$25 Grocery Gift Card for participating households. Collections Open Oct 1 - Nov 1.

## **Gifts of Joy (previously known as the Holiday Angels Program):**

An in-kind donation outreach initiative where YMCA and community members anonymously purchase new individualized gift items for participating local children. If we are unable to accommodate wish list items, families receive a Gift of Cheer Kit, which will include a \$25 gift card to a large retail outlet, a new board game, a new craft, and a new cozy blanket. Collections Open Nov 1 - Dec 1.

**We are thrilled to support three outreach programs this fall. Join us!**

[www.ymcagbw.org/holiday-support](http://www.ymcagbw.org/holiday-support)