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Darien Human Services Says 1 in 20 Darienites Live in Poverty: You Can Help Them

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Darien Human Services is encouraging residents to help their neighbors through the Gingerbread Man Tree in Town Hall.

Every year during the holidays, the Darien Department of Human Services reaches out to these residents and provides toys, gifts, clothing and gift cards to families and seniors in need.

Although the economy has improved slightly in recent months, people continue to struggle, and about 5 percent of Darien residents live at or below the poverty level.

The Gingerbread Man Tree is located in the lobby and is decorated with colorful gingerbread men labeled with various gift ideas. Here are some:

- **Feed A Mind** — Children's Books, Educational Games/Toys or a Gift Card to a Local Book Store
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- **Spread the Holiday Joy** — Gift Card for Wal-Mart, Target, CVS, Walgreens, or Kohl's
- **Buy a Holiday Meal** — Gift Card for Stop & Shop, Palmer's or ShopRite
- **Help a Neighbor Get To Work** — Gift card for Gas
- **Keep a Family Warm** — Donations to Darien Human Services Gift Fund to help pay for heat
- **Give a Gift of Clothing** — Socks, Leggings, Hats, Gloves, Scarves, Sweat Shirts and Sweat Pants
- **Make a Wish come True** — Trucks, Cars, Sports balls, Dolls, Legos, Games, Sleds, Arts & Crafts

These gifts will directly benefit needy children, families, and seniors in town. New, unwrapped gifts or gifts cards can be dropped off in Darien Human Services in Room 109 of Town Hall.

Please stop by today, take a gingerbread man (or two!) and help make someone's wishes come true this holiday.

Darien Human Services is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please call 203-656-7328 or contact dbarston@darienct.gov with any questions. Thank you for helping us help others!

See also these other articles on Christmas Season giving:

- [What Happens When You Give to the Salvation Army Bell Ringers in Darien](#) (Nov. 18)
- [You Can Drop Off a Christmas Gift for the Toys for Tots Program at These Allstate Offices](#) (Nov. 17)