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Livingston County Catholic Charities (LCCC) along with local businesses, churches, organizations, schools and local community members are looking forward to providing much needed basic needs items, Christmas cheer and friendly visits to local home bound and low-income seniors through this year’s Christmas Blessing Project. This project is a tremendous undertaking each year in our community, providing love, help, and hope to vulnerable and homebound county seniors.

Last year’s Christmas Blessing project provided food boxes, cleaning products, hygiene items, paper products and more to 280 county seniors and their families. LCCC plans to serve a record 300 county seniors this upcoming Christmas Season.

The winter months are a difficult time of year for our vulnerable seniors who have to contend with higher utility costs that affect their ability to purchase food or life-saving medications on their limited incomes. We often hear, too, that they feel lonely and isolated during this time of year and are so overjoyed when they receive their special Christmas delivery and cheerful visits.

Livingston County Catholic Charities (LCCC) senior outreach staff work with local seniors throughout the year to connect to them to critical resources and services to help them remain independent in their homes as long as safely possible. Many recipients of the Christmas Blessing Project are clients at LCCC, however, this annual program is open to any county senior in need. This project is truly a community wide effort.

The Board and co-workers at LCCC are grateful for the outpouring of love and generosity thus far. The support we have received thus far is truly heartwarming and just signifies the incredible county we live in. This project is far from complete however, LCCC is seeking volunteers to assist with both packing and delivering the Christmas Blessing Boxes. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions about the project, please contact Ryan Skomial at ryan@livingstoncc.org

## We thank our 2023 Senior Christmas Blessings Project sponsors The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, The Scotta Family, Weingartz, Livingston County Sunrise Rotary, St. Agnes Catholic Church, Kem Krest, Meijer, Dan Hall Pinckney Dodge, Jeep, Chrysler, Knights of Columbus Council #2659, Knights of Columbus Council #7304, Griffith Realty, In Memory of Marlene Newman, The Core Institute, Rhetech, Quality Care of Howell and the many other wonderful partners hosting collections for this project.

We are stronger as a community when we work together and support each other.