UNITED caring SERVICES
Community of Caring

DECEMBER 2026

Advent Calendar of Caring

24 Days of Caring with UCS!



Choose a daily action and invite friends, family, classmates, co-workers or your neighborhood to join you.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
A Season of Caring *24 small actions.* *A warmer community.*		**1** **Share the caring** Share this calendar with friends, family, co-workers or classmates. Invite them to join a day of caring.	**2** **Check your closet** Donate gently used winter coats for men and women.	**3** **Spread the word** Share a UCS social media post with your friends.	**4** **Get to know UCS** Learn how UCS grew from its first program to seven programs serving our neighbors.	**5** **Send holiday cheer** Collect holiday cards, envelopes and stamps so guests can write to loved ones.
6 **Help serve meals** UCS serves 10,000 meals monthly. Gather Day Shelter kitchen supplies with friends.	**7** **Start a collection** Create a collection point at home, work or school. Decorate boxes or bags to draw attention.	**8** **Add a little flavor** Collect ketchup, mustard, hot sauce, other condiments and spices for food preparation.	**9** **Set the table** Donate paper towels, paper napkins or plastic flatware.	**10** **Learn about care** Explore UCS programs and how they meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness.	**11** **Thank the staff** Donate a gift card for a UCS staff member to recognize their hard work and dedication.	**12** **Share winter warmth** Donate new winter socks, gloves or hats for men and women.
13 **Welcome a neighbor** UCS offers 21 low-cost studio apartments. Start a housewarming basket for a new resident.	**14** **Team up for home** Team up to collect laundry and cleaning supplies, trash bags, toilet paper and dish soap.	**15** **Find your place** Learn how you can help by volunteering your time at UCS.	**16** **Supply the office** Donate a book of stamps, copy paper or pens for office staff.	**17** **Lend a laundry hand** Give HE laundry detergent for 75 bath towels and sets of sheets washed each week.	**18** **Come see the mission** Call 812-422-0297 for a Main Campus tour and ways to volunteer.	**19** **Take stock** Reflect on the ways you have already helped your neighbors.
20 **Care for small hurts** Donate bandages and other first aid supplies for guests and volunteers.	**21** **Waddle for warmth** February 20, 2027: White Flag Waddle and Run. Support emergency overnight shelter.	**22** **Bring it all together** Plan to bring your remaining donations to the UCS Day Shelter. Drop-off details are below.	**23** **Celebrate your team** Thank your friends and teammates for joining the UCS Advent Calendar of Caring.	**24** **Rest and reconnect** Enjoy a long winter's nap and time with family. Thank you for caring!	**25** **Merry Christmas** **Thank you for joining us for 24 Days of Caring with UCS! Your kindness makes a difference.**	

Drop-Off & Giving Information

Donation Drop-Off: 324 NW 6th Street (6th & Ingle), daily from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Current Needs & Online Giving: Visit UnitedCaringServices.org or UnitedWithUCS.org to see urgent needs or make a secure donation.

Questions? Call (812) 422-0297 or email ryanrigg@unitedcaringservices.org.

SCAN TO . . . donate, volunteer, and help make the season brighter for our neighbors in need.