**8th Annual Holiday Gift Donation Program**

The Holiday Gift Donation Program was a huge success for the last seven years thanks to the kindness and generosity of our community!  This wonderful program provides holiday gifts to children in our community at ZERO cost to the taxpayers.  It is run 100% by volunteers and the kindness and generosity of our community members!

If you are a family in need of assistance this holiday season and you live in New Lebanon, please contact Tistrya at the Supervisor’s office at 518-794-8889 or supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com or stop by the office Tue 9am-2pm or Thur 12pm-5pm.   You can also fill out the form at the Town Clerk’s office Mon, Wed, Thurs or Fri 9am-5pm.  You will fill out a form for each child with their clothing size, their wish list, favorite colors, etc. so when the volunteers go shopping, they can purchase items your children will love!  Your family’s identity is kept 100% confidential.

If you would like to volunteer (shopping, gift wrapping, etc.) or adopt a child or family to shop for, please contact Tistrya at the contact information above.  All types of toys, books, and children’s items brand new and unwrapped are also accepted at the following drop off locations: Town Hall, New Lebanon Post Office and Maverick’s.  If you would prefer to make a monetary donation and have the volunteers  do the shopping for you (for a specific child based on their wish list), please see instructions below for the new partnership this year with the non-profit organization, making all donations now tax-deductible.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** This year the Holiday Gift Donation Program is  partnering with the new, local non-profit organization!  Lebanon Valley Community Corporation (LVCC), newly formed 501(c)(3) nonprofit charity organization, fosters the community and economic well-being of the Town of New Lebanon, its residents and its neighbors.

**Tax-deductible**donations for the  Holiday Gift Donation Program   can be made via PayPal at  [**tinyurl.com/PayPal-LVCC**](http://tinyurl.com/PayPal-LVCC)  or a check can be made out to the Lebanon Valley Community Corporation and mailed to P.O. Box 74, New Lebanon, NY 12125. Please make sure to write Holiday Gift Drive in the memo section of your check.

Please check out our website for more information <https://lebanonvalleycc.org/>

**Cypress Hill Cemetery Restoration Project**

The Lebanon Valley Community Corporation, 501(c)(3) is partnering with Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and is sponsoring an application for a 'matching' $3,000 grant for the restoration of Cypress Hill Cemetery, part of the Cemetery of the Evergreens .

Cypress Hill Cemetery in New Lebanon, NY, is the oldest and a neglected section of the cemetery. Dating back over 200 years, it is the final resting place of numerous Revolutionary War Veterans as well as veterans from more recent wars. A much needed  restoration of this portion of the cemetery has been an ongoing restoration project  by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), the Town Historian, Evergreen Cemetery Board and devoted residents.

More than 36 veterans from the Revolutionary war to the Civil War are interred at Cypress Hill as well as another 100 or more buried in numerous private cemeteries throughout the town.

Cypress Hill Cemetery has established a working relationship with Christopher White of Albany to clean, repair, and reset stones as needed to make this a fitting tribute to our

Veterans as well as possible expansion of the project to New Lebanon’s founding fathers and ancestors.

A positive response would be a fitting tribute and a lasting acknowledgment with the 250th anniversary of the Revolution on the horizon.

If you wish to contribute to this very worthy cause, you can make a tax deductible donation to:

<https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=CJPSK5ZDRPX4C>

Funding Options in the Dropdown Box: Friends of Cypress Hill Fund.