

City of Tonawanda Resource Guide



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Dear City of Tonawanda Community Members:

We are excited to bring you the 2nd edition of the **City of Tonawanda Resource Guide**.

Developed in 2006, the guide serves to provide community members a one-stop location to finding readily available services and programming for City of Tonawanda children, families, adults and seniors. Within this guide you will find individual listings that include the organization's name, address, phone number, email address/website, contact person, population(s) serviced, and available services and/or programming.

We welcome your feedback. If you have any comments, suggestions or questions regarding the resource guide or its contents, we ask that you please contact us.

Tonawanda School District's *Healthy Community Healthy Youth (HC/HY)* initiative began in 2003 as a reaction to disconcerting teen substance abuse. HC/HY is a national and local initiative developed through Search Institute of Minneapolis, Minnesota, that equips all areas of a community together to raise healthy young people. HC/HY's framework is the 40 Developmental Assets, which are positive experiences and personal qualities that young people need to grow up healthy, caring, and responsible.

For more information on HC/HY or the 40 Developmental Assets of Youth Model, please visit www.search-institute.org

We hope you will find the resource guide to be helpful!

Thank you.

Again, we welcome your feedback & suggestions.

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American Legion Post 264

Director: William Parmentier, Commander

Contact: Bob Blazina

Address: 60 Main Street
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Phone: 716-692-9785

Organization Description: The American Legion is the largest veterans organization in America. Tonawanda's Post 264 was chartered in 1919 and has members from all wars and conflicts, including the present hostilities.

Services and/or Programs: We conduct Bingo every Tuesday evening to raise money for our children and youth programs, and rehab services.

Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks #860

Contact: Joe Miosi, PER

Address: 21 Main Street @ Sweeney Street
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Phone: 716-693-2225

FAX: 716-693-2225

Email: elks860@yahoo.com

State Website: www.nyselks.org

National Website: www.elks.org

Organization Description: Fraternal organization dedicated to the precepts of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity. Membership is open to men and women, at least 21 years of age who believe in God.

Services and/or Programs: Meetings 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 7:00 PM. Sponsor youth programs such as Hoop Shoot, Scholarships, Soccer Shoot, and Drug Awareness. National Veterans Service.

State Major Project is Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State.

Bethesda Full Gospel Tabernacle

Director: Pastor Sam Ciffa

Address: Delaware & Broad Streets
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Phone: 716-693-6990

Fax: 716-693-7578

Local Website: bethesdafullgospel.org

Organization Description: Men's fellowship; women's ministries; senior and junior youth groups; senior adult bible study; music, drama, creative art ministries; celebrate recovery support group; teen recover support group; young mothers ministry; Widow/widower's ministry.

Services and/or Programs: Sunday Services – Sept.-June 8:45AM and 11:00AM; July-August 10:00 AM; Wednesday – small group home meetings; Friday Prayer – 7:00 PM; youth activities grades pre-K through 12th; nursery provided for ages four and under.

Boys and Girls Club of the Northtowns - Tonawanda

Director: Robert O'Brocta

Contact: Robert O'Brocta

Address: 325 Franklin Street
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Phone: 716-693-2307

FAX: 716-695-7402

Email: robrocta@bgcnt.org

Local Website: www.bgcnt.org

Organization Description: The Boys and Girls Club is a Certified Day Care Center. The Club offers opportunities for youth ages 4 - 18 in the areas of character and leadership development, education and career development, health and life skills, arts, along with sports fitness and recreation. The Club services children with disabilities, and is the home of the C.A.P.S. group (Challenged Athletes Participating in Sports). The Club is a C.A.C.F.P. provider, and serves free snacks and dinner to its members.

Services and/or Programs: Daily technology and homework help. Special Needs Challenger Sports Program. Daily food and nutrition programs. Camp Spirit Summer Day Camp. Baseball – May through July. Soccer – September through October.

Boy Scouts of America

Director: Pat Coviello, Executive Director

Contact: Jim Binz

Address: 2860 Genesee Street
Buffalo, NY 14225

Phone: 716-891-4073

FAX: 716-891-4008

Email: jabinz@bmail.org

Local Website: www.wnyscouting.org

Organization Description: Cub Scout and Boy Scout programs for young men ages 6 - 18 and their families. Our age appropriate programs offers character development, citizenship training, and personal and physical development in a fun atmosphere.

Services and/or Programs: Cub Scout and Boy Scout Troops.

Contact Jim Binz for more information.

Calvary Bible Church

Director: Pastor Alan R Fiebelkorn

Contact: Pastor Alan Fiebelkorn

Address: 445 Delaware Street
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Phone: 716-692-6450

FAX: 716-692-6450

Email: calvarybiblechurch@msn.com

Local Website: www.cbcbuffalo.org

Organization Description: A church caring for the spiritual needs have people. It is the church's desire to bring people into a close and active walk with God. This is met in worship, teaching, and fellowship.

Services and/or Programs: 1) Addictions Conquerors - Counseling and helping individuals overcoming addictions of all kinds.

Meets every Tuesday at 7:00PM. Free and open to the public. Please contact Daniel Tattenbaum at 692-6450.

Weekly Services: Sunday Worship 10:00AM & 6:00PM; Thursday Bible Study 7:00PM.

Catholic Charities of Buffalo, NY - Kenmore Office

*Director: Meichle Latham, LCSW-R,
Clinical Supervisor*

Contact: Intake Worker

Address: 3379 Delaware Avenue
Kenmore, NY 14217

Phone: 716-877-8822

Fax: 716-874-5245

Organization Description: Catholic Charities is the single largest direct human service agency in Western New York, reaching all 8 counties. For more than 80 years, Catholic Charities of Buffalo, N.Y. has been serving those in need without regard to race, religion, geographic base, or economic background. Operating from more than 65 sites, Catholic Charities offers a vast selection of traditional services, as well as new initiatives and cutting edge approaches to the challenges faced by individuals and families. The agency is a primary advocate for those in need—particularly the most vulnerable and those without a voice. No one needs to go it alone. Families, children, adults and seniors can count on Catholic Charities' professional and highly trained counseling experts for help with day-to-day troubles and serious concerns. Our counselors will help you pinpoint the problem & use your strengths to select a problem-solving strategy that best fits your situation. It is one way we strive to empower individuals, children and families to achieve and maintain meaningful and healthy lives.

Intake process: Self-apply by phone or writing; some referrals required.

Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8:45am-4:45pm.;
Evening hours by appointment only.

Services are provided through insurance, income-based sliding fee, or program contracts. Call for specific information.

Services and/or Programs:

- * Individual, parent/child, family and group counseling;
- * Domestic violence counseling & advocacy;
- * Domestic violence advocacy & victim support groups (New Hope Partners);
- * Journey Forward Resiliency Enhancement program
- * School Intervention Service;
- * Preventive services
- * Emergency financial assistance

Chamber of Commerce of the Tonawanda

Director: Joyce Santiago

Contact: Mary Gowanny

Address: 15 Webster Street
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Phone: 716-692-5120

FAX: 716-692-1867

Email: chamber@the-tonawandas.com

Local Website: www.the-tonawandas.com

Organization Description: Chamber of Commerce for all the Tonawanda's.

Services and/or Programs: Membership, Health Insurance.

Child's Creative Development Center

Director: Renee Durandetto

Address: 138 Delaware Street
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Phone: 716-693-0324

FAX: 716-693-9273

Local Website: www.ccdcinc.com

Organization Description: Childcare ages 6 weeks to 12 years. Preschool 3 and 4 year olds. Before and after school care. Summer camp for school age kids.

Services and/or Programs: Open M-F 6:15 AM - 6:00 PM Preschool 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Monday through Friday.

City of Tonawanda Fire Department

Director: Chief Charles B Stuart

Address: 44 William Street
Tonawanda, NY 141502222

Phone: 716-692-8400

Alternate: 716-692-1275

FAX: 716-695-6030

Email: firechief@ci.tonawanda.ny.us

Local Website: ci.tonawanda.ny.us/fire/firehome.html

Organization Description: The Tonawanda Fire Department is composed of both volunteer and career personnel.

Services and/or Programs: Fire Safety Program for elementary schools; First

Response Advanced Life Support Emergency Medical Treatment; technical rescue Operations; fire prevention programs; community based programs including CPR/Basic First Aid, Explorers, J-Fire.

J-Fire is a program that educates area youth on the dangers of fire play. The program targets children who may be susceptible to starting fires. Fire Department members conduct counseling sessions. The program has proven to be successful.

City of Tonawanda Public Library

Director: Beverly Federspiel

Contact: Beverly Federspiel

Address: 333 Main Street
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Phone: 716-693-5043

FAX: 716-693-0825

Email: ton@buffalolib.org

Local Website: www.buffalolib.org

Organization Description: Public Library.

Services and/or Programs: Preschool story hours, Toddler Times, and School age programs. Start dates change throughout the year. Friends of the Library.

City of Tonawanda Recreation Department

Director: Linda Foels

Contact: Amanda Dragoo

Address: 291 Kohler Street
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Phone: 716-695-8658

FAX: 716-743-8865

Email: recreation@ci.tonawanda.ny.us

Local Website: www.ci.tonawanda.ny.us

Organization Description: Provides leisure, sport, recreational, and community programs for youth, adults and seniors. Maintains athletic facilities, assist and coordinates with community organizations.

Services and/or Programs: After school homework assistance. Early dismissal Minicamps. Full day Mini-camps. Start Smart Sports Programs. Splash Parties. Girls softball leagues. Tennis camp. Summer sports camps. Kohler Pool. Playgrounds. Adult softball, basketball and volleyball.
Call for info. on special events.

City of Tonawanda Youth Board

Address: C/O Mayor's Office
200 Niagara Street
Tonawanda, NY 14150
Phone: 716-695-8645
FAX: 716-695-8314

Services and/or Programs: Allocates state funding to local youth serving organizations. Book Awards to graduating high school seniors. Sponsor annual Jason Zdrojewski Memorial Youth Days at Tonawanda High School.

Crisis Services

Director: Douglas Fabian

Address: 2969 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14214
Phone: 716-834-3131

Organization Description: 24 hour crisis phone line, specialized kids help line 834-1144 www.kidscrisis.com, kids outreach department for adults and children in crisis situations. Advocate Department for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Homeless Department for those who are currently homeless or in danger of becoming homeless.

Family Assistance Center of Tonawanda (FACT)

Coordinator: Melissa Frawley

Address: 150 Hinds Street &
80 Clinton Street
Tonawanda, NY 14150
Phone: 716-695-5578 or 213-0282
FAX: 716-213-4657

Email: mfrawley@tona.wnyric.org

Local Website: www.tona.wnyric.org

Organization Description: The center is a link to a variety of community services in a convenient school and community setting with flexible hours.

The center is a place to find help and support.

Services and/or Programs: Assessment and advocacy; individual and family counseling; information and referrals to other community services; parent and community workshops; school prevention programs.

Fellowship of God's Word (The)

Director: Reverend Paul Merkel

Contact: Reverend Brian Moag

Address: 116 Broad Street
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Phone: 716-694-2709

Email: thefellowshipofgodsword@thefellowshipofgodsword.org

Local Website:
www.thefellowshipofgodsword.org

Organization Description: The Fellowship of Gods Word is a Bible based church that believes God's Word is God's Will. When the Bible is taught with simplicity, people learn how it interprets itself. God's Word shows us how to fellowship with Him, our Lord Jesus Christ and each other.

Services and/or Programs: Sunday Service - 10:30 AM. Children's Fellowship - 10:30 AM. Teen Fellowship - 10:30 AM. We also offer Discussion Groups and Seminars on a variety of subjects.

First Presbyterian Church

Director: Pastor Ed Hoener

Contact: Kathleen Nolan, Administrative Assistant

Address: 149 Broad Street
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Phone: 716-692-1319

Email: firstprestona1852@verizon.net

Local Website: firstprestona.org

Organization Description: We are a church family, affiliated with the PCUSA, ever seeking to deepen our understanding and practice of Christian faith. We offer many programs for young families and people of all ages. Our worship experiences are open to all people – and reflect our strong commitment to tradition and spiritual transformation.

We support TCCO, worldwide missions and provide a venue for various organization, including Girl Scouts, AA, TOPS.

Services and/or Programs: Sunday Worship 11:00 AM (September - May) 10:00 AM (June - August) Sunday School for K - Adult

9:30 AM (September - May). Vacation Bible School is the first week of July. Youth Group meets two out of four Wednesdays a month; youth-led worship, special events (as announced). Adult choir 7:30 PM Thursdays (September - May). Young Singers (Children's Choir) 9:00 AM Sundays (September - May). Adult Hand bell Choir - Sunday Afternoon (Per rehearsal schedule). Praise Team and Praise Band (teens/young adults) Sunday afternoons as scheduled. Presbyterian Women (PW) 2nd Tuesday of the month 10:00 AM. Wednesday Group - 10:00 AM weekly. PW Thrift Shop Sales & Luncheons 10:00 AM First Wednesday (April - June & September - November).

Garden Club of the Tonawanda's

Director: Jean Marie Kasper

Address: 115 Delaware Street
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Phone: 716-693-6389

Organization Description: Monthly Meeting include speakers on topics related to all types of gardening. Club members do plantings around the City of Tonawanda.

Services and/or Programs: Garden Club of the Tonawanda's holds its meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7PM in the Community Room at Tonawanda City Hall. Guest and new members are always welcome.

Girl Scouts of Western New York

Chief Executive Officer: Cindy L. Odum

Contact: Vicki Smith

Address: Buffalo Service Center
70 Jewett Parkway
Buffalo, NY 14214

Phone: 1-888-837-6410

FAX: 716-837-6407

Email: Vicki.Smith@gswny.org

Local Website: www.gswny.org

National Website: www.girlscouts.org

Organization Description: Girl Scouts of Western New York programs encourage girls to set and achieve reasonable goals by focusing on personal development, life skills and leadership opportunities. We provide comprehensive, informal, educational and fun

programs designed to interest and inform girls and young women between the ages 5 and 17. Day and resident camp programs are offered.

Services and/or Programs: For a copy of our annual Girl Program Guide visit www.gswny.org.

Grove St Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

Director: Reverend Jim Girling

Contact: Ronni Tooke

Address: 85 Grove Street
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Phone: 716-695-2446

FAX: 716-695-2446

Email: monk991@yahoo.com

Organization Description: The Grove Street Christian Church is here to proclaim the Good News about Jesus Christ and carry it in word and deed into the community and beyond.

Services and/or Programs: Sunday School for all ages at 10:30 AM. Sunday Worship & Communion - 10:30 AM.

Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day, Sunday Worship & Communion - 9:30 AM. Scrapbookers meet regularly. Call for more info.

Heritage Centers/Heritage Education Program

Director: Kim Pope

Contact: Dr. Del Szczesniak

Address: 80 Clinton Street
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Phone: 716-692-5320

Alternate: 716-876-3902 X202

Email: dszczesniak@heritagecenters.org

Local Website: www.heritagecenters.org

Organization Description: Heritage Education Program services students with disabilities from birth to 21. Services are obtained through Early Intervention Program and/or your local school district Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE)/Committee on Special Education

(CSE). Our Clinton Street location has five preschool classes, one of which is fully included with Tonawanda Kidsabilities Fun Center and Day Care. All teachers are NYS Special Education Certified.

Services and/or Programs: We provide special education, speech/language therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, feeding and swallowing, counseling, home training, physical education, art and music

Historical Society of the Tonawanda's

Director: Michelle Mills-Haines

Contact: Carole Barnard, Dick Dutton, Patrick Barnard

Address: 113 Main Street
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Phone: 716-694-7406

Email: tonahist@localnet.com

Local Website: www.tonawandahistory.org

Organization Description: The Historical Society of the Tonawanda's operates two sites. The museum at 113 Main Street in Tonawanda houses displays of the Erie Canal, Lumbering, Native Americans and other rotating displays of local interest to the Twin Cities. This building also serves as a research center with a large collection of research materials including historic maps and photographs, obituaries, genealogies, cemetery records, files on local businesses and the history of Tonawanda and North Tonawanda as well as yearbooks, newspapers and city directories from both sides of the canal. The Benjamin Long Homestead built in 1829 is situated on the Erie Canal across from Gateway Harbor Park. Visitors get a glimpse into the life of the historic Long family as well as early settlers of the Tonawanda's in general through the homes beautiful restoration to the 1810-1860 period and interpretation provided by tour guides.

Services and/or Programs: The museum is open Tuesday 2:00 PM -8:00 PM, Thursday 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM, and Saturday 10:00 AM - 4:00PM.

The Benjamin Long Homestead is open Saturdays - Memorial Day to Labor Day 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM, and Sundays - May through October from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

Horizon Health Services

Director: Anne Constantino

Contact: Rick Salada, Marisa Shepherd, Sarah Hall

Address: 36 Delaware Street
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Phone: 716-831-1850

FAX: 716-834-6785

Local Website: www.horizon-health.org

Organization Description: Horizon Health Services provides a continuum of effective, efficient, and integrated behavioral, medical, and rehabilitative services that support our clients hopes and goals for health recovery and self-sufficiency. Our location provides addictions counseling for teenagers and adults.

Services and/or Programs: Adolescent Group - Wednesdays 4:00 PM. Adult Groups - Monday 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM, Tuesday 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM, Wednesday 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM, Thursday 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Individual sessions per clients schedule; acupuncture; vocational services. Other locations provide mental health services. Day groups available as well.

Immanuel Lutheran Church - LCMS

Director: Pastor Keith D Blom

Contact: Mrs. Karen Greatrix

Address: 107 Scott Street
Tonawanda, NY 141503428

Phone: 716-692-6200

Alternate: 716-692-4219

FAX: 716-692-3435

Email: immanuel@wzrd.com

Local Website: www.lutheransonline.com/10/immanuel/tonawanda

National Website: www.lutheransonline.com

Organization Description: Religious organization. A member of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

Services and/or Programs: Saturday Evening Service - 5:00 PM; Sunday Service - 10:30 AM (Labor Day through May); 9:30 AM (June through Labor Day); Sunday School and Bible Class - 9:00 AM September through

May; Bible Class - Wednesdays - 10:30 AM;
Tuesday Evening Bible Class - 7:00 PM;
Prayer Ministry Bible Class - 10:00 AM (1st
& 3rd Thursdays); Confirmation Class - 6:30
PM - 8:00 PM; AA Meetings - 7:00 PM
Thursdays.

In Good Company Productions

Director: Melissa Tober

Contact: Melissa Tober

Address: PO Box 25
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Phone: 716-564-2376

Email: ingoodcompanyproductions@yahoo.com

Local Website:
www.ingoodcompanyproductions.com

Organization Description: A community theater and entertainment group. Our mission is to help children gain confidence through theater. A non-profit organization, there is no cost or fees to join.

Services and/or Programs: Haunted House, Christmas Caroling, Dance-a-thon. Summer musical productions. Boys and Girls Club theatre workshops.

Kiwanis Club of the Tonawanda's (The)

Director: Robert Hearn

Contact: Robert Hearn

Address: PO Box 504
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Phone: 716-693-9468

Email: hearnrob452@roadrunner.com

Local Website: www.kiwanis.org/club/tonawandas

National Website: www.kiwanis.org

Organization Description: A worldwide club for community leaders. Membership offers the opportunity to work with others for the benefit of your community and the world.

Services and/or Programs: Meetings - Thursdays @12:15 PM at the Fairways Restaurant (Deerwood Golf Course, North Tonawanda). Services and/or Programs: Fire

alarms for families with newborns; academic scholarships given to Tonawanda/North Tonawanda graduating seniors; Hugh O'Brien Leadership Training with Tonawanda, North Tonawanda and Cardinal O'Hara sophomores; T/NT annual football luncheon; academic awards dinner for local high school seniors; hot dog luncheon for T/NT library summerfests; support to Family Assistance Center of Tonawanda.

Knights of Columbus Twin City Council #413

Address: 55 Main Street

Tonawanda, NY 14150

Phone: 716-695-7474

Organization Description: Catholic men's fraternal organization. Membership is open to Catholic men 18 and over. Sponsor many civic and community programs to benefit the community. Woman's Auxiliary.

Life Transitions Center

Director: Sara Montz, LSCW-R

Contact: Sara Montz

Address: 150 Bennett Road
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

Phone: 716-836-6460

FAX: 716-836-1578

Email: smontz@palliativecare.com

Local Website: www.lifetransitionscenter.com

Organization Description: Life Transitions Center, a not-for-profit agency and affiliate of Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, has been in existence for 30 years. The Center offers services to help people cope with death, serious illness and other losses. It is the Center's goal to ensure that no one who is grieving or living with a serious illness will have to struggle alone.

Services and/or Programs: Individual and family counseling, support groups and community health programs are available for children, teens and adults. Please contact Life Transitions Center for program information and dates.

People Incorporated

Director: Frank Cammatara

Address: 4286 Delaware Avenue
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Phone: 716-694-6630

FAX: 716-694-6695

Email: nschmitt@peopleinc.org

Organization Description: People Inc is a non-profit organization that services the developmentally disabled population. The Community Active People Program (CAP) is a day habilitation program that teaches young people about work skills.

Services and/or Programs: Volunteer internship placements. Training and education for the disabled.

Saint Francis of Assisi Outreach

Director: Rita Alviti

Contact: Rita Alviti & Karen Szafran

Address: 73 Adam Street
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Phone: 716-693-6247

FAX: 716-693-2379

Organization Description: Outreach is a ministry aimed at helping the community with its individual and group needs. The purpose of Parish Outreach is to seek to heal individual needs through one action and community needs through group involvement. Services and/or Programs: SVPD Food Pantry, Outreach and Clothes Closet – Wednesdays 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM and Thursdays 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM; Crisis Services – Wednesdays 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM in Hospitality Room; Recovery Inc. Mondays 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM; Overeaters Anonymous – Fr. Yaeger Room; Stone Soup Supper 3rd Wednesday every other month September through May. Holiday assistance for those in need.

Saint Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church

Director: Reverend Michael G Uebler

Contact: Reverend Michael G Uebler

Address: 73 Adam Street
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Phone: 716-693-1150

FAX: 716-693-2025

Organization Description: A Catholic Church that offers various youth activities throughout the year.

Services and/or Programs: Mass – Monday through Friday – 8:30 AM. Saturday Mass – 4:30 PM. Sunday Mass – 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, & 11:00 AM. Youth Groups for junior and senior high school students.

Salem Pre-School

Director: Sally Sherman

Contact: Patti Slominski

Address: 114 Morgan Street
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Phone: 716-692-3429

Email: salemtona@aol.com

Organization Description: Salem United Church of Christ offers pre-school programs for three and four year olds which provides a good educational experience, while maintaining very affordable tuition.

Services and/or Programs: Traditional two-day 3 year old Program Tuesday and Thursday; Blended 3 & 4 year old program – Monday & Wednesday, Friday. Class time – 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM.

Salem United Church of Christ

Director: Reverend John L. Tipton

Address: 114 Morgan Street
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Phone: 716-692-3429

FAX: 716-694-4050

Email: salemtona@aol.com

Local Website: www.salemucc-tona.org

Organization Description: Salem Church opens its doors to all who wish to worship God, providing a variety of educational and fellowship services to the community.

Services and/or Programs: Sunday Worship– 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM; Religious Education 9:30 AM; Variety of weekly fellowship Bible study and youth events.

Salvation Army – Food Pantry (The)

Director: Joanne S. Guercio

Contact: Patti Slominski

Address: 46 Broad Street

PO Box 191

Tonawanda, NY 14151-0191

Phone: 716-693-3110

Alternate: 716-693-3545

Fax: 716-743-0373

Services and/or Programs: Our Food Pantry is open Monday – Friday from 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM. The Pantry provides food and personal care products to households in the 14150, 14120, 14072, and 14228 zip codes. We also offer fresh produce and perishable products the 2nd Monday of each month through the Food Express Program. Holiday assistance is given at Christmas time in the form of food and gifts. Thanksgiving Dinner is provided to those who are alone or without.

Emergency Rental Assistance is available for Niagara County when funds are available.

Neighbor 4 Neighbor Heat Assistance Applications are also taken.

Referrals are also given to other community programs. Notary services are also available.

Salvation Army – Senior Program (The)

Director: Rhonda Hopkins

Address: 46 Broad Street

PO Box 191

Tonawanda, NY 14151-0191

Phone: 716-693-3110

Fax: 716-743-0373

Services and/or Programs: Fellowship and fun for those 60 years and older. Computer class, chiropractor service, crafts, exercise. Bingo – Monday through Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Erie County lunch program served at noon.

Salvation Army – (The)

Director: Captains Stephen & Madelaine Lyle

Contact: Captains Stephen & Madelaine Lyle

Address: 46 Broad Street

PO Box 191

Tonawanda, NY 14151-0191

Phone: 716-693-3110

Alternate: 716-693-3545

Fax: 716-743-0373

Organization Description: The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

Services and/or Programs: Sunday School for all ages 10:00 AM. Sunday morning worship services 11:00 AM. Monday morning Bible Study 11:00 AM. Wednesday evening Bible Study 7:00 PM. Pastoral visitation/ counseling upon request. Youth activity night – Tuesdays and Thursdays. Teen group – Friday night. Women's Ministries, Senior Citizens – Monday through Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Nutritional meal at noon. Food assistance, utility assistance, notary services also available.

Senior Citizen Center

Director: Doreen Harris

Address: 35 Main Street

Tonawanda, NY 14150

Phone: 716-692-7029

FAX: 716-743-8865

Email: recreation@ci.tonawanda.ny.us

Local Website: www.ci.tonawanda.ny.us

Organization Description: This branch of the recreation department offers social, recreation, and leisure activities for seniors 60 years of age and up.

Services and/or Programs: Various instructional classes (Line dancing, computers, exercises, crafts). Recreation programs include billiards, ping pong, bowling, bocce, and a fitness room. The center is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM. The seniors elect board members who direct monthly dinner meetings and other activities.

SonRays Ministries

Director: Alice Murchie

Address: PO Box 673
Tonawanda, NY 14150
Phone: 716-695-9494

Email: alice@sonraysministries.org

Local Website: www.sonraysministries.org

Organization Description: Used as a referral for individuals, schools, churches, physicians, crisis pregnancy centers, neighborhoods, and the community. A not-for-profit, nondenominational group of volunteers and professionals.

Services and/or Programs: Practical help for families in Crisis Pregnancies. Private childbirth classes. Adult and Youth Group Programs. Post-abortion Bible based healing workshops.

Summer Food Service Program

Director: Peter Michaelsen

Contact: Carol Garrison

Address: 202 Broad Street
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Phone: 716-694-7680

Alternate: 716-694-7690

FAX: 716-694-9467

Email: pmichaelsen@tona.wnyric.org

Local Website: www.tona.wnyric.org

State Website: www.nysed.gov/cn/cnms.html

Organization Description: The SFSP is a federally funded program that provides free nutritious breakfast and lunch meals to youth ages 18 and under during the summer months. The City of Tonawanda School District currently hosts the program at five locations during July and August.

Services and/or Programs: Fletcher Elementary - breakfast and lunch; Tonawanda

High School - breakfast and lunch; Kohler Pool - lunch only; Mang Park - lunch only; Sheridan-Parkside - lunch only**.

**Meal times and locations subject to change. Call for more information.

Swiftwater Power Squadron

Director: Commander Ken Brown

Contact: Ken Brown

Address: 69 DeKalb Street
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Phone: 716-692-2159

Local Website: www.swiftwater.org

Organization Description: We are one of over 450 units of the United States Power Squadrons, a non-profit fraternal sail and power boating organization. We serve the boating communities of eastern Lake Erie, the upper Niagara River and western terminus of the Erie Barge Canal through safe-boating education.

Services and/or Programs: The Power Squadrons main function is education. We provide courses that range from the basic Safe Boating Course (which is open to the public) up to very advanced navigation. We also provide courses such as Sail, Marine Electronics, Weather, Marine Engine Maintenance, and Cruise Planning, just to name a few. Our organizations' voyage over the past 85 years has seen many changes to the sport of recreational boating. We have kept pace by offering continually updated and expanded educational courses to the public and our members to include the latest electronic technology, safety requirements, new water craft or boat designs (like PWC's), and general equipment.

Additionally we have adapted our yearly spring safe boating course to be youth friendly for the students 12 - 16.

Tonawanda Church of Christ

Director: Kenneth D Wood, Minister

Address: Delaware & Summit Streets
Tonawanda, NY 14150-5306

Phone: 716-692-5653

Organization Description: A New Testament church begun in Tonawanda in the early 1850's, and has been at the current address since the 1930's.

Services and/or Programs: Bible School for all ages - Sundays at 9:30 AM. Worship and Communion for all - Sundays at 10:30 AM. Youth Program, Pre-K through grade 12. Wednesdays (October - April) at 5:30 PM. Tuesday Bible Hour - 11:00 AM. Handicap Accessible.

Tonawanda Dance Arts

Director: Melanie Boniszewski

Address: 368 Hinds Street
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Phone: 716- 694-3878

FAX: (716) 686-0247

Email:tonawandadance@aol.com

Local Website: www.tonawandadancearts.com

Organization Description: We have two fully equipped air conditioned studios, both containing viewing windows so you may watch your child dance. Our staff consists of friendly, experienced, energetic, and professional teachers to help your child learn the art of dance and to make their time at our studio an enjoyable one. They are dedicated to ensuring that your child receives the proper training needed for them to reach their full potential in their dance education.

Services and/or Programs: We specialize in tap, jazz, ballet, pointe, hip hop, cheer dance, hip hop and lyrical dance. We offer a Tiny Tots program, which is similar to a Mommy and Me program. We give dance instruction to students two years old through adult. The culmination of the student's hard work is shown at the end of the year with a performance held at Tonawanda High School.

Tonawanda Free Methodist

Contact: Reverend Don Mohr

Address: 207 Grove Street
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Phone: 716-693-1199

Email: info@tonawandafmc.com

Local Website: www.tonawandafmc.com

Organization Description: Leading people to live for Christ. Services and/or Programs: Sunday Worship - 9:00 & 11:00 AM; Monday Biker Church - 7:00 - 7:30 PM; Men's fellowship including meal - 3rd Wednesday of each month 5:30 PM; Victory Staffing Job Service - 1st & 3rd Thursday 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon; Christian Motorcyclist's Association - 2nd Saturday 9:00 AM; Women's Group - 3rd Saturday of each month 11:00 AM; Angel Food Ministry; youth activities - contact the church for more information.

Tonawanda Kidsabilities Fun Center and Daycare

Director: Jennifer Urbanek, Owner

Contact: Jennifer Urbanek

Address: 351 Main Street
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Phone: 716-695-2086

FAX: 716-695-3645

Email: kidsabilities@yahoo.com

Organization Description: Daycare Center and Preschool. We provide a warm and nurturing environment and also the educational tools necessary to help children learn and grow in a safe and stimulating environment.

Services and/or Programs: Daycare for children ages 6 weeks to 12 weeks Monday through Friday 6:30 AM - 6:00 PM; preschool 8:45 AM to 11:45 AM or 12:45 PM - 3:45 PM; before and after school program; all day programs also available.

Tonawanda Soccer Club

Director: Thomas Idziak

Address: 150 Walter Avenue
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Phone: 716-695-5977

FAX: 716-692-0282

Email:info@tonawandasoccer.com

Local Website: www.tonawandasoccer.com

Organization Description: Provides soccer programs for in-house and travel leagues for boys and girls ages 4 - 19.

Services and/or Programs: Travel Soccer - Indoor (November - April), Travel Soccer - Outdoors (May - August), House League Soccer - Outdoors (May - July)

Tonawanda United Methodist

Address: 221 Morgan Street
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Phone: 716-693-2933

Services and/or Programs: Call for information.

Tonawanda's Football Clinic

Director: Michael McInnis

Address: PO Box 119
296 East Niagara Street
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Phone: 716-692-0949

Organization Description: The Tonawanda's Football Clinic has been teaching children the game of football and the skills of cheerleading since 1958. This organization is a member of the NYFL and competes within the Western New York area. Our facilities are located along the historic Erie Canal in the City of Tonawanda. Many alumni have returned to have their children play for TFC. Others have returned as coaches. Cheerleaders cheer for the football players of the same age group. The different age groups and weights for football players are 7-8 Renegades 80 lbs, 9 - 10 Braves 105 lbs, 11 - 13 Redskins 130 lbs.

Services and/or Programs: Registration in June/July with dates to be announced. Call for more information.

United Way of the Tonawanda's

Director: George O'Neil

Contact: George O'Neill or Stephanie Martin

Address: 34 Seymour Street
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Phone: 716-693-0895

FAX: 716-693-0906

Email: uwton@wzrd.com

Local Website: www.uwayt.com

Organization Description: The United Way of the Tonawanda's is a voluntary fund-raising and human services organization. United Way works to unite a cross section of volunteers and agencies, both public and private, in a

community-wide effort to deliver needed human service programs efficiently. Locally, one annual campaign is conducted on behalf of member agencies to keep fund-raising cost low, concentrate volunteer efforts, and reduce the number of frequency of fund requests. Your tax-exempt contribution helps fund a human service network that is there to serve you regardless of where you live or work.

Services and/or Programs: Information and Referral 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM) Basic Needs - Emergency Services, Home Health Care, Senior Citizen Services. Youth Services - Personal growth & Awareness, Recreational & Physical Education, Scouting & Camping Programs. Health and Rehabilitation - First Aid Concerns, Physical, Speech Programs for Special Needs, Family, Child, & Individual Services - Drug & Alcohol Abuse Services, Spouse & Child Abuse Services, Individual, Family, & Group Counseling.

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #77

Address: 57 Main Street
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Phone: 716-693-4479

Local Website: www.vva77.org

National Website: www.vva.org

Organization Description: Non-profit organization. Motto - "Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another." Museum dedicated to the Vietnam War. Auxiliary - Associates of Vietnam Veterans Association. Educational programs within Western New York Advocacy for Vietnam Veterans.

Services and/or Programs: Food Pantry for Veteran's. Annual Peter Tycz Scholarship Contest. Educational Partnership with schools. Health Advocacy for Vietnam Veteran's. Open Wednesday and Saturday from 9 AM - 1 PM.

Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo Bereavement Program

Director: Lesley Jordans, M.S., CT

Contact Person: Lesley Jordans

Address: 219 Bryant Street
Buffalo, New York 14222

Phone: 716-878-7773

Email: ljordans@kaleidahealth.org

Local Website:

<http://www.wchob.org/bereavement>

Organization Description: Bereavement support

after the death of a child. Phone counseling; individual counseling; educational mailings; community consultations; support groups (10 groups); remembrance service (candle light ceremony); bereavement camp for siblings.

Services and/or Programs: Groups for bereaved parents (all types of losses, all ages), siblings 5-16 years old, grandparents, extended family, those who have lost an only child, loss of child to addictions, loss of a child to murder.

Contact Lesley Jordans @ 878-7773 for dates and times or visit our website and check out the support groups.

Young Life

Director: Kevin Kulikowski

Contact: Michael J. Saltarelli

Address: 213 Clinton Street
Buffalo, NY 14206

Phone: 716-825-6702

Alternate: (716) 830-0320 (Mike)

Email: kkny42@aol.com

National Website: www.younglife.org

Organization Description: Young Life is a non-denominational, Christian organization committed to impacting kid's lives and preparing them for the future. Our approach is relational. Leaders go wherever kids are to begin building significant relationships with them. Leaders go to sports practices, high school sporting events, concerts, plays, malls, fast food restaurants. Leaders are genuinely interested in kid's lives and they do what they

can to show kids they care about them. There is a weekly "club" meeting as well as a weekly bible study called "campaigners".

Services and/or Programs: Youth Group Meeting (Young Life Club) - Wednesdays @ 8 PM @ Grove St. Christian Church. Bible Study (Campaigners) - During School Year Fridays @ 6:45 AM @ 25 Linwood Ave., Summer 8 PM @ 51 Park Street. Summer Camp - July 8th - 14th @ Lake Champion Resort.

YWCA of the Tonawanda's

Director: Jill Townson

Address: 49 Tremont Street
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Phone: 716-692-5580

FAX: 716-694-4550

Email: jtownson_ywcatona@hotmail.com

Local Website: www.ywca.org/tonawandas

National Website: www.ywca.org

Organization Description: A women's organization committed to the empowerment of women and elimination of racism. The organization has a Human Services Department and an Enrichment Program Department for youth through seniors. Program brochures

describe the programs and events.

Services and/or Programs: Domestic Violence Programs include individual and group counseling, court advocacy, legal clinic, community education, referrals, career education. Court mandated services include: Women as defendants; Offender accountability; Supervised visitation. The KIDSTRONG Program is offered to children who have witnessed violence and/or abuse. A transitional home is located in the City of Tonawanda. Pre-school program. Before and after school program for children. Summer day camp. Various children's programs. Special events, socialization programs for adults and children are ongoing. Annual Beaujolais wine tasting and dinner fundraiser.

Additional Contacts

Adult Protective Services.....	858-6877
American Red Cross.....	878-2036
Better Business Bureau.....	1-800-828-5000
Child & Adolescent Treatment Services.....	835-4011
Child Care Coalition.....	877-6666
Child Protective Services.....	858-6478
Compass House (Runaway Shelter).....	886-0935
Complete Home Care.....	794-2253
Crime Victim's Assistance.....	858-4640
Crisis Services (24 hour, confidential).....	834-3131
Crisis Services Kid's Helpline (24 hours, confidential).....	834-1144
Erie County Department of Social Services.....	858-8000
Erie County Health Department.....	858-7687
Every Person Influences Children (EPIC).....	332-4154
Every Woman's Opportunity Center.....	837-2260
Family Court.....	858-8100
Family Offense Unit (City of Tonawanda Police Department).....	692-2121 X314
Food For All.....	882-7705
Haven House (Domestic Violence Hotline & Shelter).....	884-6000
Heating Assistance Program (HEAP).....	858-7644
Kibler Senior Housing.....	743-5408
Lawyer Referral & Information Services.....	1-800-342-3661
Life Transition Center.....	686-8195
Mayors Office (City of Tonawanda).....	695-8645
Meals on Wheels.....	693-1663
Medicaid.....	858-7687
Mental Health Association.....	886-1242
Planned Parenthood.....	694-6454

Additional Contacts

Post Office (City of Tonawanda)	693-4560
Social Security/SSI.....	1-800-772-1213
Tonawanda Fire Department.....	692-8400
Tonawanda Housing Authority	692-3555
Tonawanda Little League.....	694-6229
Tonawanda Pediatrics	691-3400
Tonawanda Police Department	692-2121
Volunteer Lawyers Project.....	847-0665
WIC (Women, Infants & Children)	874-9530
Youth Drug Court (City of Tonawanda)	693-3486



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40 Developmental Assets®

Search Institute® has identified the following building blocks of healthy development—known as **Developmental Assets**—that help young people grow up healthy, caring, and responsible.



External Assets	Support	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Family support—Family life provides high levels of love and support. Positive family communication—Young person and her or his parent(s) communicate positively, and young person is willing to seek advice and counsel from parents. Other adult relationships—Young person receives support from three or more nonparent adults. Caring neighborhood—Young person experiences caring neighbors. Caring school climate—School provides a caring, encouraging environment. Parent involvement in schooling—Parent(s) are actively involved in helping young person succeed in school.
	Empowerment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Community values youth—Young person perceives that adults in the community value youth. Youth as resources—Young people are given useful roles in the community. Service to others—Young person serves in the community one hour or more per week. Safety—Young person feels safe at home, school, and in the neighborhood.
	Boundaries & Expectations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Family boundaries—Family has clear rules and consequences and monitors the young person's whereabouts. School Boundaries—School provides clear rules and consequences. Neighborhood boundaries—Neighbors take responsibility for monitoring young people's behavior. Adult role models—Parent(s) and other adults model positive, responsible behavior. Positive peer influence—Young person's best friends model responsible behavior. High expectations—Both parent(s) and teachers encourage the young person to do well.
	Constructive Use of Time	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Creative activities—Young person spends three or more hours per week in lessons or practice in music, theater, or other arts. Youth programs—Young person spends three or more hours per week in sports, clubs, or organizations at school and/or in the community. Religious community—Young person spends one or more hours per week in activities in a religious institution. Time at home—Young person is out with friends "with nothing special to do" two or fewer nights per week.

Internal Assets	Commitment to Learning	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Achievement Motivation—Young person is motivated to do well in school. School Engagement—Young person is actively engaged in learning. Homework—Young person reports doing at least one hour of homework every school day. Bonding to school—Young person cares about her or his school. Reading for Pleasure—Young person reads for pleasure three or more hours per week.
	Positive Values	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Caring—Young person places high value on helping other people. Equality and social justice—Young person places high value on promoting equality and reducing hunger and poverty. Integrity—Young person acts on convictions and stands up for her or his beliefs. Honesty—Young person "tells the truth even when it is not easy." Responsibility—Young person accepts and takes personal responsibility. Restraint—Young person believes it is important not to be sexually active or to use alcohol or other drugs.
	Social Competencies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Planning and decision making—Young person knows how to plan ahead and make choices. Interpersonal Competence—Young person has empathy, sensitivity, and friendship skills. Cultural Competence—Young person has knowledge of and comfort with people of different cultural/racial/ethnic backgrounds. Resistance skills—Young person can resist negative peer pressure and dangerous situations. Peaceful conflict resolution—Young person seeks to resolve conflict nonviolently.
	Positive Identity	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Personal power—Young person feels he or she has control over "things that happen to me." Self-esteem—Young person reports having a high self-esteem. Sense of purpose—Young person reports that "my life has a purpose." Positive view of personal future—Young person is optimistic about her or his personal future.

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