

Holiday Food and Toy Resources 2020

Deadlines and Program Capacities Vary

Information as of October 20, 2020

Please Note: A number of Food Shelves may be offering Holiday food or possibly gift programs for their participants. If you are registered with a particular Food Shelf or are otherwise getting food from a Food Shelf, please check with the food shelf staff directly.

Resources Open to Minneapolis families

(no updated info yet)

FREE TURKEY MEAL HOTLINE

The Turkey hot line number is **651 699 5404**; Calls are taken Monday through Friday. 9 am - 4:30 PM.

Info needed: Name, full address with zip, Phone #, Number of meals up to 10 family members. There are no flyers, word of mouth and calls to organizations spread the information

- if the person only needs 2 meals they are delivered precooked and ready to heat up.
- 3 or more meals has Turkey/stuffing precooked and frozen, they also receive a baked pumpkin pie, raw potatoes, can of veggies, cranberries, gravy mix rolls butter and milk.
- all meals are delivered Thanksgiving morning between 8 and noon. An adult must be present to sign for them.

There is no application for need just the caller saying they could use a dinner on Thanksgiving for themselves and/or their family. We deliver to most of the metro Twin Cities area.

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ARMY TOY SHOP: For children up to age 14, *LIVING IN* Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, Sherburne, Washington, and Wright counties. **Registration for the 2019 Twin Cities Toy Shop begins Wednesday, Nov. 6** and ends Saturday, Dec. 1. You may register to participate in our Toy Shop by filling out our registration form. Please note that forms are provided in English, Spanish and Hmong.

Our Twin Cities Toy Shop hotline (651-746-3595) will be open during weekday business hours for registration and to answer questions. All who **register before Dec. 1** will receive an assigned location for toy pick up, based on their address. Distributions will be held Dec. 18-23. If you miss registration but still need assistance, call United Way 2-1-1 to see what help may be available in your area.

You cannot be registered for any other toy program, such as Toys for Tots.

Registration may also be done on line at <http://www.SalvationArmyNorth.org/toyshop> for those with an email address. When you complete the form, your information will be given to an agency that can serve you. They will be responsible for instructing you on how to pick up toys. The Salvation Army may allow homeless families to register if they have verification of a zip code, such as a letter from the location where they are staying or a letter from a shelter. Check for that information at (651)746-3595.

TOYS FOR TOTS AND GIFTS FOR TEENS 2020 (Covers the following counties only: Anoka, Blue Earth, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Freeborn, Hennepin, Ramsey, Rice, Sherburne, Scott, Washington and Wright.) <https://minneapolis-mn.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/request-toys.aspx>

Toys are distributed through participating non-profit organizations. The list of agencies will be available before Nov. 20th. Check their Facebook page for updates. Or call United Way at 2-1-1 or 651-291-0211, to learn which programs have toys for children. **A child may only be registered through one charitable organization.** Multiple registrations by different family members, at different locations, are not allowed. Only toy requests by family members with custodial responsibility are normally approved. Other requests are considered on a case by case basis. The age limit is 16 years old.

UNITED WAY 2-1-1 United Way receives information from organizations that are providing Holiday food, toys or gifts. Call 2-1-1, toll free at 800-543-7709 or 651-291-0211. You can also text your zip code to 898-211*. They will search for programs within your zip code.

FARE FOR ALL EXPRESS Fresh groceries at discounted prices. Currently only has a limited number of sales with a drive through sale model. Attend a Fare for All site-many sites available. Payment options include: cash, credit/debit card, or EBT. For the holiday season, they will host a sale in EITHER November or December. Please check schedule on website. Main line is 763-450-3880. Visit website for locations and times: <https://fareforall.thefoodgroupmn.org/>.

CHRISTMAS WITH DIGNITY HOSPITALITY HOUSE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
Online registration only. Visit <http://www.hhyd.org/cwd/shoppers/> to register starting Nov. 1-30 or until full. Registration requirements: current, valid photo ID for parent/guardian that is registering the child/ren. *If address has changed, bring utility bill with new address.
-For natural children: bring ORIGINAL birth certificate listing parent and child. (NO COPIES)
-For legal guardians/foster parents: bring custody letter; name and phone number of social worker.

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN YOUTH CENTER Serves North Minneapolis children ages Kindergarten – 8th grade. 612-643-2000, www.pcyc-mpls.org . This December, PCYC will distribute gift cards to PCYC families to be spent on food or gifts.

Union Gospel Thanksgiving Meal

Registration open now. Register online at ugmtc.org/tgbags or call 651-222-4949 until Nov. 14, 2020. Pickup times will be given with each registration. Individuals need to show a photo ID when groceries are picked up.

Neighbors Inc.- Holiday Gift Assistance for Children (*South St. Paul, West St. Paul, Inver Grove Heights, Mendota, Mendota Heights, Lilydale, Sunfish Lake)

All requests taken over the phone. Call 651-455-5000 and follow prompts to “request help or services.” Individuals will be screened for eligibility and may need to email or text verifications. If individuals are approved an email link will be sent to fill out an online wish list. There is also a phone option for this if someone does not have internet. Contact will be made before December 15th, 2020 for pickup schedule.

Good in the Hood- Help for the Holidays

Registered families will be able to receive gift cards. Good in the Hood has partnered with Living Word church in Brooklyn Park this year. Families can register beginning Nov. 2nd, 2020. <https://goodinthehood.org/our-programs/holiday-help/> 612-217-4003, info@goodinthehood.org

CEAP-CEAP Essentials: the Holiday Edition 2020

Families can simply call to get resources. 763-450-3664, <https://www.ceap.org/holiday2020/>

Twin Cities Salvation Army

<https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/twin-cities/coats-for-kids/>

The Salvation Army's centers are a place for families in crisis to get help, including coats for their children. Visit any of our [Twin Cities Worship & Service Centers](#) to learn about meeting your child's need for a coat. Supplies may be limited, so we recommend contacting the nearest location before stopping by to find out if supplies are available in the sizes you need. You may qualify for other assistance during your visit, which can be discussed in person with one of our case workers.