

Holiday Food and Toy Resources 2016

Metro Twin Cities, MN Areas, (Nine Pages)

Deadlines and Program Capacities Vary

Information as of Monday, November 28, 2016

Please share this information with individuals and families who may benefit from these resources. We ask that you enlist interpreters and bilingual staff to get the information to families who speak English as a second language. Thank you!

Once again this year, we extend a *huge* “Thank you!” to our Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute Social Service Assistants, Betty Goodman and Kathy McMahon! These volunteers spent many hours of time on the phone and doing research, contacting organizations to attempt to get the most current information available. Please note that information is as of November 28, 2016. For some organizations, specific information about resources or registration was not available, as of our publication date. A couple of the programs are already full and not taking new registrations. Families will need to follow up directly with the agencies/organizations to obtain specific information or to register. **Please note the deadlines and specific instructions!**

If you know of additional resources to be added to this list, please forward that information to us at Karen’s e-mail, karen.frees@allina.com. Also, if you would like to be added to this distribution list for future resource mailings, please e-mail Karen as well, with your e-mail address.

Happy Holidays!

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Please Note: A number of Food Shelves are having 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 Multiple Counties/Minnesota Residents

UNITED WAY 2-1-1: United Way receives information from organizations that are providing Holiday food, toys or gifts. Call 2-1-1 or 651-291-0211. They will search for programs within your zip code.

SALVATION ARMY TOY SHOP: For children up to age 14, *LIVING IN* Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, Sherburne, Washington, and Wright counties. Taking registrations from November 7 through December 2, 2016, Monday through Friday, 9 am – 4 pm. (closed Thanksgiving and the day after Thanksgiving.) Registration can be done on line at <http://www.SalvationArmyNorth.org/toyshop> or by calling 651-746-3595.

Documents required include proof of address (bring a current piece of mail), Picture ID for adult and ID for each child in the household, such as Social Security card, Medical card, or school ID. Delivery of toys will be made between December 16-22, 2016. There will be 5 distribution locations. **You cannot be registered for any other toy program, such as Toys for Tots.**

TOYS FOR TOTS AND GIFTS FOR TEENS 2015. (Covers the following counties only: Anoka, Blue Earth, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Freeborn, Hennepin, Ramsey, Rice, Sherburne, Scott, Washington and Wright.) <http://www.toysfortots.org/donate/toys-city-county.aspx?txtState=MINNESOTA> Toys are distributed through participating charitable organizations. At this time, no information is available about the participating organizations. Call United Way (see above) – 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.

THE FOOD GROUP: Baskets of Hope will be distributed through local food shelves. Check with the food shelf you are registered with or that serves your zip code area. www.thefoodgroupmn.org , 763-450-3860

FARE FOR ALL EXPRESS, 763-450-3880. <http://fareforall.org/> **Offers a special Holiday pack.** Call above number or check the web site to find a site and date for pick up. Pre-registration not required. **Holiday Pack for \$30** – Available in November and December, holiday packs contain most of the fixings for a holiday meal, including a turkey in November and a ham in December. Other food/packs available as well.

Hennepin County Resources

Good in the 'Hood Holiday Help



Adopt-A-Family and Toys for Tots

Good in the 'Hood partners with the U.S. Marine Corps in hosting an annual Toys For Tots distribution for children ages 0-12. Since Toys For Tots is unable to guarantee gifts for the teens, our Holiday Help Sponsorship program will focus our efforts toward children ages 13-17. For participants in their food shelf program.

Adopt-A-Family REGISTRATION and Toys for Tots REGISTRATION is closed for 2016.

INTERCONGREGATION COMMUNITIES ASSOCIATION (ICA) (952) 938-0729, www.icafoodshelf.org For residents of Deephaven, Excelsior, Hopkins, Minnetonka, Shorewood, Woodland and Greenwood. They will have a **one-day turkey give-away** on **Thursday, November 17, 2016**. There are two locations: * At Zion Lutheran Church, 241 – 5th Avenue, N., Hopkins, MN, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. **and** * At Christ Community Church, 897

3rd Avenue, Excelsior, MN, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Any family in need in the service area may participate. No pre-registration or scheduling is needed. Must have current utility bill/piece of mail, showing proof of address. For Christmas/winter holidays, families are referred to Resource West. (Please see Resource West listing for details.)

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH: 2400 Park Avenue, S., Minneapolis, MN. 612-871-8831. On the **Saturday before** Thanksgiving, (**November 19, 2016**) and Christmas (**December 17, 2016**) and **Easter**, there will be food baskets given out to food shelf participants. Must live in the Phillips Area-To the North: Highway 94; To the South: Lake Street; to the East: Hiawatha Ave.; and to the West: -35W. Must have ID and proof of residence (utility bill, current mail.)

NEAR (North Suburban Emergency Assistance Response) 4803 Welcome Ave. N., Crystal 763-533-2836, www.nearfoodshelf.org. Residents in northern Robbinsdale, New Hope and Crystal between 42nd Ave. N and 62nd Ave. N. For families participating in the food shelf, Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes of food are given. Toys, caps and mittens will be given out in **December 2016**. Will accept families who are not registered at the Food Shelf, if they live within their area. **Call to register Monday - Friday 9 am – 3 pm.**

OPERATION HOLIDAY BASKET

On Friday, December 16, 2016 from 11 am – 2 pm, through a partnership with Roosevelt High School and the Blaisdell YMCA Holiday Baskets will be provided for families in need. Each Holiday Basket contains a 10 lb. turkey and canned goods for your holiday meal. You may pick up your basket with a photo ID at **Roosevelt High School, 4029 28th Ave. S, Minneapolis, MN 55406**

Baskets are also able to be delivered to your home between 11 am and 2 pm. You must be present with a photo ID and live in the South Minneapolis area.

Please call the Blaisdell YMCA after Thanksgiving at 612-729-7397 to leave information to receive your holiday basket and to get more information.

PEOPLE REACHING OUT TO OTHER PEOPLE (PROP), 14700 Martin Drive Eden Prairie, 55344, (952) 937-9120, www.propfood.org.

For residents of Eden Prairie and Chanhassen. Must be a client of PROP food shelf to access the food and gift programs. PROP clients may sign up for Holiday gifting program to receive gifts for children up to age 18. **Must register at the food shelf.** Registration opens in October, 2016. Gift pick up is December 16, 2016 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 16515 Luther Way, Eden Prairie, MN. Check at the food shelf or call above number for more information.

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN YOUTH CENTER, 612-643-2000, <http://pcyc-mpls.org/> Serves North Minneapolis children ages Kindergarten – 8th grade. Children may shop on **Saturday, December 10, 2016 from 9 am – 1 pm. Must purchase tickets in advance - \$1 per child,** at Plymouth Christian Youth Center's main building, 2210 Oliver Ave. N, Minneapolis. **\$1 can purchase 5 gifts.**

PRISM (Holiday Shoppe): 730 Florida Ave. S, Golden Valley. www.prismmpls.org For residents in Golden Valley; South of 42nd Avenue in Crystal; New Hope; Robbinsdale; and East of 494 in Plymouth. Parents may come and choose Holiday toys and gifts for each of their children, from birth through age 18-years-old, on Saturday, December 17, 2016. Must be clients of the food shelf. If not current clients, you must be seen by a PRISM Caseworker. **To make an appointment, call (763) 432-4204. Registration begins Monday, November 24, 2016 and goes through Tuesday, December 16, 2016.** Families must have proof of address and ID cards for each child.

RESOURCE WEST TOY CHEST: 1011 First Street, South, Hopkins. www.resourcewest.org. Christmas/Holiday toy/gift program. Located in the Wells Fargo Building and next to Hennepin County Hub. For residents of Deephaven, Excelsior, Hopkins, Minnetonka, Shorewood, Woodland & Greenwood and for families who have children who attend the Hopkins or Minnetonka School Districts and qualify for the Free or Reduced School Lunch Program. Parents must have physical custody of their children. The program serves children, ages birth through 18-years-old (and in high school.) Families receive one large item, one smaller item, and stocking stuffers for each child. **Must call (952) 933-3860 to register and make an appointment. Registration is Monday, December 5 - Friday, December 9, 2016, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.** Parents need an ID, current utility bill/piece of mail (within last 30 days), and ID for their children (school ID, medical insurance card, Social Security card.)

SABATHANI COMMUNITY CENTER RESOURCE SERVICES, South Minneapolis, 310 E. 38th Street, Suite 200, Minneapolis, MN 55409. GENERAL INQUIRIES: 612.821.2396. www.sabathani.org

Resource Services provides one of the largest food shelves in the area. Families can also get free clothing and furniture, income tax filing, back to school supplies and holiday support. During the Holiday season, the community center offers holiday meal boxes to the people they serve.

Registration is currently closed for Thanksgiving. For information about Christmas baskets, check at the food shelf.

Lower Level – Food shelf, Clothing Boutique

Hours of Operation

Food shelf, Monday – Thursday, 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Clothing Boutique, Monday – Thursday, 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:00 p.m.

ST. LOUIS PARK EMERGENCY PROGRAM (S.T.E.P.) (for St. Louis Park residents only): 6812 W. Lake St., St. Louis Park (952) 925-4899. Holiday Toy Program: **Registration is from November 1 to December 9, 2016.** If served by the food shelf, one can register at the time of their food shelf appointment. Others can come without an appointment but may have to wait. Hours are Mon.& Wed. 8 – 11 am & 2:30 - 3:30 pm; Tues., 12:30 pm 3:30 pm & 5 – 7 pm; Thurs 8 – 11 am; and Fri., 8 – 11:30 am.. Photo ID and address verification through a current utility bill or lease is required for the adult registering and birth certificates, passport, medical card or school records/IDs for each child.

VEAP (VOLUNTEERS ENLISTED TO ASSIST PEOPLE), 9728 Irving Ave. S. Bloomington, MN 55431, (952) 888-9616. www.veapvolunteers.org . For low income families living in Bloomington, Richfield, Edina and parts of Minneapolis, south of 50th St. and west of Cedar Ave. Gift card for food and toys for children. **Registration is from November 3 – December 6, 2016. Call the VEAP office at (952) 888-9616, to register and obtain an appointment.**

Dakota County Resources

DAKOTA COUNTY FOOD SHELVES (360 COMMUNITIES): Their *Armful of Love Christmas/Winter Holiday Gift Program* matches Dakota County families in need, with donors to provide families with gifts and toys. **As of November 2, 2016, the Armful of Love Program is full.** The phone number is (952) 985-4065, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. 360 Communities suggests you call First Call for Help at 651-291-0211 to see if there is another program that can help you.

Armful of Love Program for Christmas Holiday: <https://www.360communities.org/self-sufficiency/armful-of-love/>

360 Communities Food Shelves

Thanksgiving Baskets Program: <https://www.360communities.org/self-sufficiency/food-shelves/>

Families who are registered participants at one of the 360 Communities Food Shelves would have received information about the Armful of Love Program and the Thanksgiving Basket program in early October 2016. **If there are families who are not already registered with 360 Communities Food Shelves and need food assistance, they may call the food shelf in their area to register for food support.**

360 Communities Food Shelves Contact Info:

- **Burnsville Family Resource Center Food Shelf** – Customers shop for their food.
501 East Highway 13, Suite 102
Burnsville, Minnesota 55337
(952) 985-5300 Open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Our Daily Bread Food Shelf**
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church
12650 Johnny Cake Ridge Road
Apple Valley, Minnesota 55124
Contact 360 Communities at (651) 322-5113.
- **Farmington Food Shelf**
510 Walnut Street
Farmington, Minnesota 55024
Phone: (651) 463-5019 Fax: (651) 463-5017
- **Feed My Sheep Food Shelf** – Customers shop for their food.
Messiah Lutheran Church
16725 Highview Avenue
Lakeville, Minnesota 55044
Phone: (952) 431-5959 ext. 11 Fax: (952) 431-5980

- **Rosemount Family Resource Center**
14521 Cimarron Avenue, West
Rosemount, Minnesota 55068
Phone: (651) 322-5113 Fax: (651) 322-5023

DAKOTA COUNTY SALVATION ARMY NORTH (Participants must reside in Carver, Scott or Dakota Counties.) Programs are Dakota County Toy Shop and Salvation Army, for toys and food. Salvation Army serves children ages birth to 14-years-old. **Registration opens Monday, November 7, 2016 and runs through Friday, December 2, 2016, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.** Call for phone interview, (651) 746-3595. Families may also register online at www.salvationarmynorth.org/toyshops Proof of address/piece of mail is required, as well as a photo ID for the adult picking up the toys. Also, ID is required for each child in the household (such as a school ID, Social Security card, medical card, birth certificate.)

DAKOTA COUNTY, CHAP Outreach Ministries Store. A Toys for Tots site. **From Saturday, November 19, to Wednesday, November 30, 2016**, families can pick up an application for Toys for Tots at the store, located at Chaps Store, 2020 E. Hwy 13, Burnsville, MN, (952) 890-8222. Completed applications will be submitted to Toys for Tots.

FARMINGTON, DAKOTA COUNTY

Toys for Town Program, (for residents of Farmington and for families with children attending ISD 192 Farmington School District.) **Please call (651) 280-6869 or email toys4town@ci.farmington.mn.us to enroll families, from now through Friday, December 16, 2016.** Information needed to receive toys are delivery address, children's names, age, school, grade level and any special needs. Delivery of toys will be made on December 17, 2016 between 10 am – noon.

HASTINGS FAMILY SERVICES PROJECT SHARE www.hastingsfamilyservice.org (Participants **MUST** live in Hastings School District 200.) This Program has a *Thanksgiving Baskets Program* and a *Christmas/Winter Holiday Project Share Program*. To register for the **Thanksgiving Basket Program**, registration ***begins on Wednesday, November 16, 2016.*** Call **(651) 437-7134, to register.** Distribution of Thanksgiving Baskets will be November 21, 22 & 23, 2016.

For the ***Project Share Program for Families with Minor Children, the Adopt A Family Program***, call **(651) 437-7134 now, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., to schedule an appointment to come in during the registration period of October 31 through December 9, 2016.** Staff strongly encourages a family to come in for an appointment early, before the December 11th deadline, for the best possibility of receiving the items on their wish list. Staff cannot guarantee that a family will be adopted. Families who are not adopted will be invited back to select gifts from their on-site selection. Must have a piece of mail for every adult in the household, showing address (received in past two weeks); a photo ID for the adult signing the family up for Project Share; and ID for each child in household (such as a school ID, birth certificate, Social Security card, medical card, WIC card, court papers.) This year, all parents are welcome to register, regardless of custody issues. For families who miss the December 11th Adopt A Family

registration deadline, they can call (651) 437-7134 to see if there are any available appointments for on-site selection from any gifts that may be left, between December 15 – 21, 2015. For the ***Project Share Adults Only Households Program*** (Seniors and other adults without children registration begins **December 5, 2016**. Call **(651) 437-7134 to schedule an appointment**. **Distribution is December 14 – 21, 2016**. Current mail and ID will be required. Gifts and food will be packed and distributed the same day as a single adult's/senior's appointment. Please make sure you have transportation available and room in a vehicle to accommodate food and gifts.

NEIGHBOR'S INC. www.neighborsmn.org Two programs available for families in the Northern Dakota County (Inver Grove Heights, South St. Paul, West St. Paul, Mendota Heights, Mendota, Lillydale and Sunfish Lake). Those who wish assistance come in to apply, furnishing a proof of residence, a photo ID and if they are not in the system already, proof of parentage/guardianship for any children 18 (if still in high school) and under. **Registration needs to be made *in person***. **Registration is Monday through Friday from October 24 to December 7, 2016, between 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. – 4 p.m.** Call the Neighbor's Christmas Hotline serving Northern Dakota County, at (651) 272-1101 for more information.

The programs are Adopt a Family for the Holidays and Neighbor's Christmas for Kids. They also have a program for seniors, over 55-years of age, who may be alone during the holidays. All programs make sure the person or family gets food for a holiday meal. For anyone between the ages of 18 (or out of the household) and 54 years, they have a Food Only Holiday Meal, which provides them with a holiday meal. The numbers below will give information for the hours and days to apply.

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, MISSION OUTPOST

13801 Fairview Drive, Burnsville, 55337 952-898-9311. Open to anyone.

Thanksgiving meals served on Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 2016, from 11am – 1pm.

Carver and Scott County Resources

CARVER AND SCOTT COUNTIES <https://www.capagency.org/> (Residents of Carver and Scott Counties only.) **Need to register in person at the CAP Agency in Shakopee (in the Customer Service Area)**, at 712 Canterbury Road, S., Shakopee, MN. Program serves families with children, ages birth to 14-years-old. In-person registration for a family will **only** be accepted **as follows**: • Monday, November 28, 2016 from 8 – 10 am; Tuesday November 29, 2016 from 8 – 10 am; and Wednesday, November 30, 2016 from 12 – 3 pm. Please be aware that there may be wait times and delays, as staff are serving many families. Please provide a piece of mail/utility bill for all adults in the household; a photo ID for the adult picking up holiday items; and a form of ID for each child in the household, (such as a school ID, birth certificate, passport, social security card, medical card.) No phone calls will be returned or accepted for registration. A recorded message of this information is available, in English, at (952) 402-9819.

WACONIA UNITED FOOD SHELF AND WACONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

11 S. Elm St., Waconia, MN Call **952-442-3878** for information and to register for programs. **Must be a registered client of the food shelf.**

Thanksgiving and Christmas food and toy programs are open to families within the School District 110 area, including: Waconia, St. Bonifacious, New Germany, Cologne (portion) and Victoria (portion.) Families will need to provide ID for each household member and a utility bill/piece of mail verifying address.

Ramsey County Resources

UNION GOSPEL MISSION, 435 E. University Ave., St. Paul, 651-789-7564 (Thanksgiving Bag Information Line. *For information only.* No messages.) Thanksgiving bag will be provided. **Registration in-person only at the Union Gospel Mission Men's Campus**, at 435 E. University Avenue, St. Paul -**Registration in-person only at the Union Gospel Ober Community Center**, at 376 Western Avenue, St. Paul, on October 22 and 23, 2015, from 1 to 6:30 p.m. Need to have a current photo ID and a current piece of mail. **For Information about any Christmas meal or program, call 651-228-1800.**

Washington County Resources

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD EMERGENCY FOOD SHELF – WOODBURY- 7380 Afton Road. For residents of Woodbury, Oakdale, Lonsdale and South Maplewood. Serves as a Holiday Bureau, gathering and distributing gifts for ages birth to 18-years-old. If people need help at Thanksgiving and Christmas, must register at the food shelf.

Thanksgiving Registration during regular CCEFS hours only

Mondays 12-4 PM: October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 2016

Thursdays 3-7 PM: October 6, 13, 20, 27, 2016

Fridays 9AM-1:30 PM: October 7, 4, 21, 28, 2016

Distribution will be on Saturday, November 19th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM (noon) at CCEFS

Registration for Christmas gifts is only during service hours:

Mondays: Nov 7, 14, 21, 28, 2016 from 12 pm to 4 pm

Thursdays: Nov 3, 10, 17; and Dec 1, 2016 from 3 pm to 7 pm

Fridays: Nov 4, 11, 18, and Dec 2, 2016 from 9 am to 1:30 pm

Call 651-233-1296 for information and to register.

COMMUNITY THREAD'S HOLIDAY HOPE PROGRAM, formerly called the Holiday Bureau. (For residents who live in the Stillwater Area School District, in Washington County.) Families with children ages 18 and under, adults with disabilities, and seniors (age 55 and over) must live in the Stillwater Area School District. **Applicants must apply onsite at Community Thread during the following times:**

- Thursday, November 10, 2016 from 5:00-7:30 pm**
- Saturday, November 12, 2016 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm**
- Tuesday, November 15, 2016 from 5:00-7:30pm**

Applicants must present a photo ID for each adult registering, a bill or paycheck stub with current address, and an ID for each child age 18 and under (school ID, insurance card, or copy of birth certificate). **Call for more information 651-439-7434.**

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