

Holiday Food and Toy Resources 2017

Deadlines and Program Capacities Vary

Information as of October 30, 2017

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 Minneapolis families

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 at 651-746-3595, from November 8 through December 5, 2017, Monday through Friday, 9 am – 4 pm. (closed Thanksgiving and the day after Thanksgiving.) **Must** register by phone and obtain an appointment. Documents required include Picture ID for adult and ID for each child in the household, such as Social Security card, Medical card, or school ID. **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 2017. (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. On Nov. 23rd, information will be 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.

FARE FOR ALL EXPRESS 763-450-3880 Fare for All -Visit website for locations and times: <http://fareforall.org/find-a-site>. **Offers a special Holiday package.** No registration required. Attend a Fare for All site during the month of December, last day for holiday pack in the metro area is Thursday December 21st, 2017.. **Holiday Pack for \$30** –typically includes ham, whole chicken, beef ring sausage, turkey, breakfast sausage, mixed vegetables and dutch apple pie (items are subject to change). Payment includes: cash, credit/debit card, or EBT

CHRISTMAS WITH DIGNITY HOSPITALITY HOUSE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT:

Offers discounted Toys for families who qualify. **Preregistration is required:** Bring proof of address with a photo Id or utility bill. Registrations includes children's original birth certificate (No Photo Copies). 612.524.5824 **Locations:** Hospitality Youth Development 1220 Logan Ave N, **Nov 2nd & Nov 25th, 2017** 9-4pm - Straight Gate Church 638 E Franklin Avenue, **Dec 3rd, 1-4pm;** Dec 7th 2017 6-8pm; Dec 8th 6-8pm

Hennepin County Resources

ADOPT-A-FAMILY AND TOYS FOR TOTS REGISTRATION will be at the following **Little Earth United Tribes gymnasium** 2501 Cedar Ave S Mpls, MN 55404. Thanksgiving basket host sites on **November 18th 2017 8-4pm** you can also register for TOYS for TOTS on that day. Please bring ID and Children's Birth Certificates. 612.724.0023

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH: 2400 Park Avenue, S., Minneapolis, MN. 612-871-8831. On the **Saturday before** Thanksgiving, (**November 18th, 2017**) and Christmas (**December 23rd, 2017**) 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.)

NORTHPOINT HOLIDAY DISTRIBUTION - NorthPoint provides an annual distribution of gift certificates and turkey vouchers to families sponsored in part by private donations and individual donors. (call for dates/times) 612-767-9500
<http://www.northpointhealth.org/community-programs>

OPERATION HOLIDAY BASKET

A joint program between the Blaisdell YMCA and Roosevelt High School. The program has been giving **families in South Minneapolis** (not just Roosevelt families) holiday dinners for 40 years. Pick up basket on **December 22, 11:00-2:00**. The program serves diverse groups of low-income families as well as people with disabilities, and families in hard times. (see separate flier)

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN YOUTH CENTER 612-643-2000, www.pcy-mpls.org
Serves North Minneapolis children ages Kindergarten – 8th grade. Children may shop on **Saturday, December 9, 2017 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.