Dear Parents/Guardians:

The holidays are quickly approaching, and we would like to offer families access to extra support during this busy season! The resource sheet provided includes information about local organizations that are offering families access to gifts and food for the holidays. In light of COVID-19, many of the organizations who have provided in-person holiday meals or gift shopping in the past are now offering kits or packages to be delivered or picked up in a drive-through format. There are also resources listed that provide aid in paying gas and electric bills as well as other expenses.

Attached is a copy of Northeast Metro’s 2022/2023 Holiday Resources sheet. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact a 916 Social Worker!

Sincerely,

916 School Social Workers
2022/2023 Holiday Resources for Families & Children

If you are not eligible for any of the resources listed here, contact the United Way 2-1-1 First Call for Help at 651-291-0211 or 1-800-543-7709 and ask for agencies helping with holiday assistance!

Holiday Gift Resources

Salvation Army Toy Shop
What: Gifts for children, for newborns to 14-year-olds
Where: Six different locations
Registration: Online registration opened November 2nd, 2022
   - You must provide proof of address, picture ID for individual picking up toy, ID for each child in household
https://saangeltree.org/

The Toy Shelf
What: Gently used toys
Where: 2266 2nd St N in North St. Paul
When: Monday-Friday 10:30am-12:30pm
   - No registration needed
   - Must live in the following zip codes: 55109, 55119, 55128
Contact: 651-777-7693

Toys for Tots
What: Gifts for children
Where: Toy drop locations TBD
When: Registration is open until November 25
   - Distribution December 1st, 2022 through 18th, 2022
Contact: Local Coordinating Officer: Sgt Tyree Stevens
   - Email: minneapolis.mn@toysfortots.org
   - Phone: 612-713-4807

Toys for Joy-Anoka County Residents ONLY
What: Gifts for children, food for holiday meal
Where: Anoka Armory, 408 E. Main St., Anoka, MN 55303, December 19th-20th, 2022
When: Online application October 1st - November 23rd, 2022
Contact: 763-323-4982, contact@christmascommittee.com
https://www.christmascommittee.com/application-instructions/
**PRISM-HOLIDAY TOY SHOPPE** Golden Valley, Robbinsdale, New Hope, Crystal, or Plymouth (east of 494) ONLY eligible for families who live in those cities.

What: Gifts for children are distributed in December
Where: Valley Community Presbyterian Church, 3100 Lilac Drive North, Golden Valley, MN 55422
When: Registration opens November 2nd, 2022. Updates are available through the link below. Call or text (763-308-4890) or email prism.signup@gmail.com Provide your child’s first name, last name, and age.
Contact: [http://www.prismmpls.org/holidaytoyshoppe/](http://www.prismmpls.org/holidaytoyshoppe/)

**Resource West Toy Chest - Deephaven, Excelsior, Greenwood, Hopkins, Minnetonka, Shorewood, or Woodland Residents ONLY**

Where: 1011 1st Street, Suite 109, Hopkins, MN 55343
Register: Call (952-933-3860)
  - Social Worker (Spanish Speaking): 952-322-0882
  - Case Worker (Somali Speaking): (952)-322-0357
http://www.resourcewest.org/toy-chest-drive/

**CROSS Toy Shop**

What: Toys, blankets or gift cards for children ages birth - 17
  - Residents of Osseo-Maple Grove, western Champlin, Rogers, Dayton and Corcoran
When: Distribution dates are TBD.
When: Registration during the month of November and can be completed during a food shelf appointment.
Contact:
  - Call 763-425-1050 for a food shelf appointment.
  - Must bring photo ID, piece of mail dated within the last 30 days and proof of guardianship
https://crossservices.org/holiday-gifts-for-kids/

**Community Action Program**

What: Adopt a Family Holiday Gift Program
Where: 738 1st Ave East Shakopee, MN 55379
Registration: If you’re interested in being adopted for the holiday gift program, you will need to work with your CAP case worker. If you utilize CAP’s food shelf or energy assistance program, you can enroll in Toy Distribution by contacting those programs directly.

**Community Thread**

What: Holiday Program - Holiday Hope Toy Distribution
  - Residents of Holiday Hope serves those who live within the following communities: Afton, Bayport, Baytown Township, Grant, Hugo, Lake Elmo, Lakeland, Lakeland Shores, Landfall,
Marine on St. Croix, Oakdale, Oak Park Heights, St. Mary’s Point, St. Croix Beach, Stillwater, West Lakeland, Township, Withrow, and Woodbury
Where: 2300 Orleans St W, Stillwater, MN, 55082
When: Visit the following link to see the registration times for your area:
https://communitythreadmn.org/holiday_hope/
- Registration link: https://jkmecik.wufoo.com/forms/q1os95sl0wjg4h3/
Contact: (651) 439-7434 or holidayhope@communitythreadmn.org

Southern Anoka Community Assistance
What: Holiday gift distribution
Where: Columbia Heights City Hall 590 40th Avenue NE Columbia Heights, MN 55421
When: Registration is Monday, October 10 - Friday, November 11, 2022
- Visit https://sacafoodsappointments.timetap.com/#/ to register
- Pick-up will be by appointment on December 15, 2022.
Contact: (763) 789-2444

Holiday Food/Meal Resources

Easter Lutheran
What: Free hot chef-cooked meals.
When: Monday through Thursday from 5:30pm to 6:30pm
Where: 4545 Pilot Knob Road, Eagan

Friends in Need Food Shelf
What: Food assistance
Applying: Call 651-203-9033
Eligibility: Must live in Cottage Grove, Newport, St. Paul Park, and Grey Cloud Island.
- You will need to bring your picture ID with a current bill for proof of address.

Fare for All Express
What: $10-$30 Food Packs, Available in November & December
- Food is first come first serve
Where: Various locations
Contact: Check the schedule or call 763-450-3880 to find a sale in your area

iHelp Market Square - first come first serve
What: Grocery assistance
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-4pm.
Where: City of Reconciliation Church - 900 Dale St. N, St Paul, MN 55103
- You will need to bring your picture ID, proof of each person shopping for more than three, proof of ID for all children under 18 years old
Contact: (651) 488-4463 to schedule an appointment

Meal’s on Wheels
What: Hot prepared meals delivered to those in metro area
Call 651-699-5404 and leave a message with name, address, # of person’s, and phone number

_Merrick Community Services_
What: Holiday toy and food assistance
When: Saturday December 17, 2022 and Monday December 19, 2022
Where/Contact: Details to be posted soon on the following website: [https://merrickcs.org/](https://merrickcs.org/)

**White Bear Lake Food Shelf**
Where: 1884 Whitaker Street, White Bear Lake, MN 55110
When: Monday, November 21 and Tuesday, November 22, 2022 from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Registration: Sign up for a pick-up
https://form.jotform.com/222704349625053
Contact: 651-407-5310.
https://whitebearfoodshelf.org/

_Loaves and Fishes_
What: Serving Hot Meals on various days every month
Where: Multiple locations throughout Saint Paul, Minneapolis, & surrounding suburbs
Contact: 612-377-9810 for more information
https://www.loavesandfishesmn.org/

_NEAR (North Suburban Emergency Assistance Response) - Northern Robbinsdale, Crystal, and New Hope who live between 42nd and 62nd Avenues North ONLY._
What: Thanksgiving & Christmas meals, monthly food supply
Where: 5209 W. Broadway Ave., Crystal, MN 55429
Registration: Bring photo ID and proof of residency.
Call (763) 533-2836 to make an appointment and sign up.
http://www.nearfoodshelf.org/

_River Heights Vineyard Church:_
What: Holiday food and clothing assistance
Where: 6070 Cahill Avenue East Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076
When: Registration begins November 18 at 4:30pm and Saturday November 19 at 9:30am.
  - Registration must be done onsite
  - Distribution to occur November 18 at 7:00pm and November 19 at 12:00pm
Contact: (652) 457-7644

_Union Gospel Mission_
What: Thanksgiving Food Bags
Where: Main Office, 376 Western Ave N St. Paul, MN 55103
When: Monday November 21, 2022 and Tuesday, November 22, 2022
Contact: Naomi - Family Program (651) 228-1800
Register for tickets: [https://fundraise.givesmart.com/form/2IOPuw?vid=vczku](https://fundraise.givesmart.com/form/2IOPuw?vid=vczku)

- Orders must be picked up in person at the date and time listed on ticket
- Must produce ticket or QR code when picking up orders
- Limit 1 bag per family

**Community Emergency Assistance Program (CEAP)**
What: Holiday food and typical food shelf items
Where: 7051 Brooklyn Boulevard, Brooklyn Center 55429
When: Monday-Friday from 9:00am - 3:00pm.
Contact: [Schedule appointment here](#) or call (763)566-9600

**Fellow Missionary Baptist Church**
What: Holiday food baskets. Basket contains a turkey and other fixings
Where: 3355 N 4th Street, Minneapolis 55412
When: Registration closes November 11, 2022.
Contact: Call (612)767-9428 to schedule appointment

**Shiloh Cares Food Shelf**
What: One-day turkey giveaway
Where: 1201 West Broadway, Minneapolis 55411
When: Distribution is Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 10 am - 3 pm
    - First come first serve, no registration needed

**Rice Recreation Center:**
What: Turkey giveaway
Where: 1021 Marion Street Saint Paul, MN, 55107
When: Registration happening now through November 15, 2022.
    - Residents of St. Paul only
    - Distribution will happen on November 16, 2022 from 5:30pm-7:30pm.
Contact: Must make an account at the following website to register: [https://bit.ly/3yume4l](https://bit.ly/3yume4l)

**Agate Housing and Services (Formerly known as House of Charity)**
What: Free daily meals
Where: 740 E 17th St., Minneapolis
Public Meal Times
    Monday-Friday
    Breakfast: 8:00am-9:00am
    Breakfast/Brunch: 9:30am-10:00am
    Lunch: 11:30am-12:30pm
Contact: 612-204-8300
**Hugo Community Food Shelf**
What: Various food resources  
[https://www.hugofoodshelf.org/](https://www.hugofoodshelf.org/)  
15106 Francesca Ave N  
Hugo, MN 55038  
Phone: 651-528-6224 or email info@hugofoodshelf.com for more specific information

**Community Helping Hand- Forest Lake**
What: Food items to prepare a Thanksgiving meal at home  
Eligibility: Families in the Forest Lake school district  
Contact: 651-464-0061 to register  
- You must provide a valid ID and current utility bill for pickup  
[http://communityhelpinghand.org/holiday_meal_program](http://communityhelpinghand.org/holiday_meal_program)

**United Way**
- Connects you with seasonal resources such as Thanksgiving meal baskets or Holiday toy programs.  
- Text **STU211** to **898211** to find resources near you.

**Winter Clothing Resources**
Twin Cities Salvation Army locations are by appointment only. Call to make an appointment.

**Anoka County**
- Phone: (763)755-6873

**Dakota, Scott, and Carver County**
- Phone: (952)898-9367

**Saint Paul Payne Avenue**
- Phone: (651)776-2653

**Washington and Chisago County**
- Phone: (651)739-6288

**Valley Outreach: Winter Outerwear**
- Location: 1911 Curve Crest Blvd. West Stillwater, Minnesota 55082  
- [https://valleyoutreachmn.org/](https://valleyoutreachmn.org/)  
- Call to schedule an appointment 651-430-2739
Miscellaneous Resources

HeatShare-Salvation Army
What: Emergency utility bill assistance (natural gas, oil, propane, and electricity)
Contact: 1-800-842-7279
http://salvationarmynorth.org/programs-that-help/basic-needs/heatshare/

Energy Assistance Program - Community Action Partnership of Suburban Hennepin
What: Supports families in paying energy bills
Contact: Call 952-930-3541 or complete online application
http://www.capsh.org/services/energy-assistance/

Neighbors Inc, - South St. Paul, West St. Paul, Inver Grove Heights, Mendota, Mendota Heights, Lilydale, and Sunfish Lake Residents ONLY
What: Emergency grants for individuals at risk of eviction, utility shut off, car repairs, medical payments, food shelf, “Love your Neighbor” Holiday Program
Register: Enroll in COVID-19 safe Holiday Gift Program October 12th-November 20th, 2020 Holiday Gift Enrollment Info
Where: 222 Grand Ave. West, South Saint Paul, MN
Contact: 651-455-5000

Bridging - Furniture Bank (Referral Required)
What: Provides furniture and household goods
Where: 201 W 87th Street Bloomington, MN 55420 (952-888-1105) & 1633 Terrace Drive Roseville, MN 55113 (651-631-3255)
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We hope you have safe & happy holidays!