



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](mailto:minneapolis.mn@toysfortots.org)
- Phone: 612-713-4807

<https://minneapolis-mn.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/request-toys.aspx>

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:prism.signup@gmail.com) Provide your child's first name, last name, and age.

Contact: <http://www.prismmpls.org/holidaytoyshoppe/>

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

What: Families receive one new toy for children 0-12 and a \$25 Target gift card for ages 13-18.

Where: 1011 1st Street, Suite 109, Hopkins, MN 55343

When: Registration starts November 21, 2022. Appointments end on December 20th, 2022.

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/](https://communitythreadmn.org/holiday_hope/)  
- Registration link: <https://jkmecik.wufoo.com/forms/q1os95sl0wjg4h3/>  
Contact: (651) 439-7434 or [holidayhope@communitythreadmn.org](mailto: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/>

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/zIQPuw?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>

*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/>

15106 Francesca Ave N

Hugo, MN 55038

Phone: 651-528-6224 or email [info@hugofoodshelf.com](mailto: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/>
- 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!**