



Holiday Resources 2026

Navigation Services



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Hunger Free Colorado

(720) 328-1284

<https://www.hungerfreecolorado.org/>

- National Hunger Free Hotline: 1-855-855-4626
- Referrals to holiday food resources, food programs and pantries

Mile High United Way 211

<http://www.unitedwaydenver.org/2-1-1>

- Call 2-1-1 for additional holiday assistance resources
 - See events calendar for more details of upcoming holiday resources: <https://unitedwaydenver.org/community-events/>

The Action Center

303-237-7704

<https://theactioncenter.org/>

8755 W 14th Ave, Lakewood, CO 80215

- Thanksgiving Grocery Boxes
 - <https://theactioncenter.org/events/>
- Free Grocery Store
 - Pre-Registration Required: Check website for registration times [Schedule Appointment with The Action Center](#)
 - The Action Center offers self-selected groceries to community members who are in need at no cost. No identification, income verification, or documentation is needed. Any specialty holiday food donated to The Action Center can be found on the grocery shelves as they arrive.
 - **Address:** 8745 W 14th Ave, Lakewood, CO 80215
- Christmas Gift Program <https://www.theactioncenter.org/holiday-gift-program>
 - Please check website to register for Holiday Gift Program
 - As the holiday season approaches, we know it can be a challenging time for many. Our Holiday Gift Program is here to bring hope, warmth, and happiness to your family during this special time of year.
 - Sign Up: Let us know you need assistance by visiting link below. You'll provide us with information about your family, including your size, needs, and special wishes for the holidays.
 - Get Matched: Once you've signed up, generous individuals, families, or groups will choose to support your family. They will shop for gifts and essential items based on the information you provided.
 - Receive Your Gifts: Gifts will be delivered to a designated location between December 7th-9th. We will contact you with details about when and where you can pick up your gifts.

***Some public schools in Jefferson County and others may be offering holiday assistance. Ask at your child's school. ***

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- We are committed to making this holiday season a joyous one for you and your family. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Kenzi's Causes- Toy Shop

303-353-8191

<https://kenziscauses.org/toy-shop/>

Annual Denver Toy Shop will take place December 2026. Check the website for further details.

- Registration REQUIRED:
 - Registration will open on the website, please check website for the date. To participate, **registration is required**. Due to high demand, places fill up quickly, usually within 30 minutes.
- **What you need to bring:** A large bag or something to carry your toys, as we will not provide bags.
 - Birth certificates for each child you wish to purchase.
 - Photo ID of parent requesting the toys.
- **Important requirements:**
 - A full survey is required before you can purchase, which will be provided on the day of the event.
 - Birth certificates and photo ID requirements are strictly enforced, no exceptions will be made.
 - You can only buy for your own children.
- **What to Expect-** Each child will receive:
 - A new toy
 - A stuffed animal

Denver Santa Claus Shop

P.O. Box 102104 Denver, CO 80250

<https://www.denversantaclausshop.org/>

- Denver Santa Claus Shop invites parents who are referred to DSCS from Denver Human Services, Social Service Agencies and Community Partners to Shop for toys for their children ages 0-11 in early December each year.
 - If you are a Denver resident, are receiving assistance from Denver Human Services, your children ages 0 – 11, you are automatically qualified for this year's toy distribution. If you are not receiving services from DHS, you need to be registered with and receive assistance from some type of social service agency or community partner.
 - If you are a qualified Denver resident and have children ages 0-11, you may pre-register for the toy distribution by going to the link above and clicking on the "Registration" button. Registration typically opens mid-November.
- Please check our website or our Facebook page around mid-November for the Shop location and operating hours each year.
- What to bring to the shop:
 - Photo ID
 - QR code you will receive via email
 - Proof of children's ages (like a birth certificate, school form, medical form, etc.)

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Volunteers of America

303-297-0408

2660 Larimer Street, Denver, CO, 80205

<https://www.voacolorado.org/services/denver-metro/>

- Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets
 - To receive a Thanksgiving Dinner Basket, **you must sign up on the website.**
 - Families and individuals are eligible.
 - Baskets must be picked up by the person listed on the signup.
 - Call for more information.
- Christmas Dinner Baskets
 - To receive a Christmas Dinner Basket, **you must sign up on the website.**
 - Families and individuals are eligible.
 - Baskets must be picked up by the person listed on the signup.
 - Call for more information.
- Santa Shop for Teens
 - Every year VOA gives out over 6,000 gifts at the Santa Shop during our Holiday Dinner Basket Give Out and every year we run out of gifts for teenagers first.
 - Call for more information.
- Christmas Gift Program
 - Provides one Christmas gift per child ages 18 and under. Children do not need to be present.
 - To receive a gift, you must get a voucher only given in person (1 voucher per household). Visit the website in November for details on when and where to get the voucher.
 - Bring a bag, first come, first served.

Denver Rescue Mission

303-297-1815

6100 Smith Rd., Denver CO, 80216

<https://denverrescuemission.org/get-help/>

- The Denver Rescue Mission provides several opportunities to help homeless individuals and families during the holidays. These include participating in the annual turkey drive, serving holiday meals, donating to the Hope for the Holidays campaign.
 - Holiday Assistance Programs:
 - Turkey Drive: The Denver Rescue Mission's turkey drive aims to provide a Thanksgiving meal for those in need
 - Holiday Meals: The Mission serves holiday meals at three shelters: Lawrence Street Community Center, 48th Avenue Center, and Fort Collins Rescue Mission.
 - This campaign supports the Mission's work during the holiday season by providing meals, shelter, and other vital services.
 - Housewarming boxes: These boxes provide essential household items to families emerging from homelessness, helping them establish a comfortable home.

St. Jude Catholic Church

303-988-6435

9405 W Florida Ave., Lakewood, CO, 80232

- Thanksgiving and Christmas assistance for people living in Lakewood in 80226, 80227, 80228, 80232.
 - If not a parishioner of St. Jude, must submit verification of address
 - Call for more information

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Denver Salvation Army

303-922-4549

- Thanksgiving Dinner:
 - Information not available yet, call above number for most up-to-date information
- Christmas Dinner:
 - Information not available yet, call above number for most up-to-date information.
- Angel Tree:
 - Information to apply provided online at <https://saangeltree.org/>
 - Please have documentation of age of child, proof of residence, or photo ID

Community Ministry

303-935-3428

1755 S. Zuni St., Denver, CO, 80223

<https://comministry-denver.org/holiday-food-boxes/>

- Holiday food boxes offered to pre-registered customers on Thanksgiving and Christmas.
 - Distribution usually occurs on the Monday before the holiday
 - You can only sign up to receive one box of Thanksgiving OR Christmas, not both.
 - Must have used the services of Community Ministry during the calendar year, please call for more information.
 - You must live in Denver County zip codes 80204, 80219, 80223, 80236, or 80227.
 - Pre-registration starts in October.
- Sharing Tree: Each year children are adopted by businesses, churches, schools and individuals to receive Christmas gifts as an act of love and charity during that time of year.
 - Children must be between 0 and 12 years old
 - Parents or guardians must have been clients of the food pantry during the year.
 - Children must be pre-registered by their parent/guardian between October and December.
 - Children will receive a gift valued up to \$30.
 - Pre-registration starts in October.

Comitis Crisis Center

303-341-9160

2178 Victor St, Aurora, CO 80045

<https://comitiscrisiscenter.org/comitis-crisis-center>

- Offers holiday help in Adams County. There may also be free winter coats for children, small toys for teenagers or babies, support for single mothers, and others.

Denver Inner City Parish

303-629-0636

1212 Mariposa St., Denver, CO 80204

<https://www.dicp.org/>

- Migrant Program: Offers resources for legal services, IDs, and DACA
- Thanksgiving
 - Call for details
- Christmas Gifts
 - Details available at the end of November, call for details

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Servicios de la Raza

303-458-5851

3131 W 14th Ave., Denver, CO 80204

<https://serviciosdelaraza.org/>

- Food Distribution: The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
 - November 17th, 2026 10 am – 11:30 am at office location
 - Services are available by scheduled appointment. New clients must complete a Link2Feed (L2F) intake form the day they pick up their food assistance. If someone else is picking up food on their behalf, both the L2F Intake and Proxy forms must be completed before the scheduled appointment.
 - Contact Daniel: daniels@serviciosdelaraza.org / 720-982-5421
- Thanksgiving meal
 - November 24th 9 am – 2 pm at office location, first come, first served
- Christmas Meal and Toys
 - December 17th 9 am – 2 pm at office location, first come, first served.

Community Table

303-424-6685

4600 W 60th Ave Arvada, CO

<https://cotable.org/>

- Please contact for most up-to-date holiday information

Macedonia Baptist Church

303-377-8821

3240 Adams Street, Denver CO, 80205

<http://www.macedoniadenver.org/>

- Please contact to find out more about Christmas assistance and food pantry assistance

Catholic Charities

720-799-9316

6240 Smith Rd, Denver CO

- Adopt-A-Family
 - Provide holiday gifts to children, families and seniors. Recipient families receive services through our various ministries and are nominated by our Catholic Charities team.
 - Catholic Charities works very hard to find donor matches for the hundreds of families that receive assistance through one of its ministries. If you are not receiving assistance through Catholic Charities, please try United Way, or call 211 for assistance. Please visit www.ccdenver.org, or call us at 1-855-777-5280 for more information.

Denver Dream Center

720-510-9113

2165 Curtis St. Denver, CO 80205

<https://www.denverdreamcenter.org/programs/dream-closet-pantry>

- They offer various free resources and services for those in need, including assistance with homelessness, hunger, and poverty.

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Helping Hands for the Holidays (IFCS):

(303) 789-0501

3370 South Irving Street, Englewood, CO 80110

<https://ifcs.org/helping-hands-holidays/>

This campaign provides holiday gifts and groceries to low-income families with young children.

- IFCS enrichment program that provides children from birth to age 10 with holiday gifts through the generosity of community sponsors and donors.
- **West Arapahoe County:** Centennial, Englewood, Glendale, Greenwood Village, Littleton, Sheridan, and unincorporated Arapahoe County.
- **Southwest Denver neighborhoods:** Bear Valley, College View, Fort Logan, Harvey Park, Harvey Park South, Marston, and South Platte (southwest neighborhoods are further defined as south of Jewell and west of Santa Fe).
- **Northern Douglas County:** Highlands Ranch, Littleton, and Lone Tree.
- **Jefferson County:** All addresses within the county will be considered.
- *Applications outside of these listed areas will not be accepted.*
- **INCOME GUIDELINES:** Beginning March 1, 2025, a household can meet income-based standards in either of the following two ways:
 - Participate in one of these public assistance programs: Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Old Age Pension (OAP), Help for the Disabled in Need (AND), Aid to the Blind (AB), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Foster Children Eligible for Medicaid
 - If the household does not participate in any of the above public assistance programs, the household must have a combined gross income that does not exceed the maximum income limit for the applicable household size.
- Register online

Other resources:

- <https://www.211colorado.org/holiday/>
- https://www.needhelppayingbills.com/html/denver_free_christmas_and_holid.html