

2025 Holiday Bulletin

10/21/2025

Where to go to find information about Thanksgiving and Christmas meals and food baskets

THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS DINNERS

Blessed Sacrament Church

259 Rutgers St. Rochester, NY 14607

Closed on 11/11/25

Thanksgiving Dinner: November 25, 2025 doors open @ 5:00pm, dinner starts 6:00pm

“Leftovers” Dinner: November 26, 2025 doors open @ 5:00pm, dinner starts 6:00pm

Christmas Dinner: December 19, 2024 6:00pm also December 25, 2024 6:00pm

Open to the public

Call for more info: 442-5279

Cameron Community Ministries (585) 254-2697

48 Cameron Street

Awaiting update

Open Door Mission (585) 454-6696

210 West Main Street

Awaiting update

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

The following agencies are accepting applications for Thanksgiving food baskets for needy families. An interview may be required and clients may be asked to present the following documentation for proof of eligibility: proof of income; identification for each family member, including social security number; and photo identification for the head of household. Please note that services are limited to areas listed. Call the agency for additional information.

Cameron Community Ministries (585) 254-2697

48 Cameron Street

Thanksgiving food basket

Sign-up is 11/3/25, 9am-11am

First come, first served, must provide photo ID

Charles Settlement House (585) 277-0810

71 Parkway

Register now for a Thanksgiving Basket- call to apply & fill out paperwork

Serving North West area of Rochester only

Families of 2 or more qualify- must bring ID for all members of household, proof of income, proof of expenses and recent proof of address.

Dimitri House (585) 325-1796

Thanksgiving food baskets

102 North Union St.

Come in person to sign up October 1- October 31, 2025 Mon-Fri, 9am-12pm

Must have at least 1 child under 17 living in the household; proof of address for all members of the household, number of members of household required.

Baskets given on a first come, first served basis to qualified applicants. Cost: none

Faith, Hope, and Charity Worship Center (585) 328-6591

44 Columbia Avenue

Awaiting update

Irondequoit Community Cupboard (585) 336-9107

Food baskets

2841 Culver Road

Thanksgiving meal sign-ups begin Saturdays from 11:15am to 12:00pm. Sign-ups will continue every Tuesday and Saturday from 11:15am -12:00pm until the deadline.

The deadline for Thanksgiving and the Special Santa Program is November 8th.

Every adult will need to bring a current month's bill or a copy of a lease for every adult in the household. Everyone MUST be an Irondequoit resident. The exception to this is Urban Suburban families as they ARE Irondequoit families.

Rochester Family Mission (585) 436-7523

180 Raines Park Rochester, NY 14613

2025 Thanksgiving Basket Drive

Distribution on November 22, 2025 12:00pm

First come, first served- IDs are required

Call for more information or visit rfmission.org

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

The following agencies are accepting applications for Christmas food baskets for needy families. All agencies require an interview and clients must present the following documentation for proof of eligibility: proof of income; identification for each family member, including social security number; and photo identification, proof of current address for the head of household. Not all agencies cover every area of the city; be sure to check each listing for Zip Codes covered. For additional information, contact the appropriate agency at the number given.

Baden Street Settlement (585) 325-4910 ex.1137

13 Vienna St.

Awaiting updates for this year

Cameron Community Ministries (585) 254-2697

48 Cameron Street

Awaiting update

Charles Settlement House (585) 277-0810

71 Parkway

Register now for a Christmas Basket- call to apply & fill out paperwork

Serving North West area of Rochester only

Families of 2 or more qualify- must bring ID for all members of household, proof of income, proof of expenses and recent proof of address.

Community Place of Greater Rochester (585) 288-0021

145 Parsells Avenue

Awaiting update

Irondequoit Community Cupboard (585) 336-9107

Special Santa & Holiday meal sign-ups begin Saturdays from 11:15am to 12:00pm. Sign-ups will continue every Tuesday and Saturday from 11:15am -12:00pm until the deadline.

The deadline for Thanksgiving and the Special Santa Program is November 8th.

Every adult will need to bring a current month's bill or a copy of a lease for every adult in the household.

Children participating in the Special Santa program must live full time with the legal guardian.

The deadline for the Holiday meal is December 9th.

Everyone MUST be an Irondequoit resident. The exception to this is Urban Suburban families as they ARE Irondequoit families.

Rochester Family Mission (585) 436-7523

180 Raines Park Rochester, NY 14613

2025 Christmas Basket hand out

Distribution on December 22, 2025 12PM

180 Raines Park Rochester NY

First come, first served- IDs are required

Call for more information

rfmission.org

SWEM Community Services (585) 235-4491

Awaiting update

DONATIONS FOR THANKSGIVING, CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS, AND GIFTS

Those who wish may donate money, food, or toys to the following:

Baden Street Settlement

Monetary donations can be made at: <https://badenstreet.org/services/>

For further information, call (585) 325-4910.

Cameron Community Ministries

Accepting candy donations for Halloween- 10/25/25, 2pm-3pm.

Awaiting updates on holiday donations.

Monetary donations also welcome by mail or online: <https://cameroncommunity.org/donate>

Catholic Charities Family and Community Services (585) 339-9800

1099 Jay St.

Adopt-a-Family for the holidays: <https://www.fcscharities.org/news-center/176/>

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester Annual Christmas Appeal

Make checks out to Annual Christmas Appeal and mail to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester, Christmas Appeal, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, NY 14624. (585) 328-3210.

Central Library Mitten Tree

Awaiting updates

Community Place of Greater Rochester

To donate online: <https://wl.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E96505&id=1>

Donation can be mailed to:

The Community Place

Attn: Development

57 Central Park

Rochester, NY 14605

Dimitri House

102 North Union St.

Adopt a Family Thanksgiving Program- <https://www.dimitri-house.org/adopt-a-family-thanksgiving-program>

Call 585-325-1796 or email kherendeen@dimitri-house.org

Accepting monetary donations for operating costs OR contributions to Dimitri's Affordable Safe House project (DASH),

non-perishable food items: such as tuna, jelly, peanut butter, cereal, rice, potatoes, canned fruits and vegetables,

personal care items: deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, razors, shaving cream,

winter apparel: hats, coats, gloves, and boots

Make checks payable to Dimitri House and mail to 102 North Union Street, Rochester, NY 14607. Items can be dropped off Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM – 4:00PM, Friday 9:00AM-12:00PM.

For further information, call (585) 325-1796 or visit <https://www.dimitri-house.org/make-a-donation>

Hillside Family of Agencies

Special Santa, Hillside's annual holiday giving project, is a true community collaboration that unites compassionate individual donors and every Hillside staff member.

Please visit <https://hillside.com/foundation/events/special-santa/> to learn how you can shop through Amazon, shop in stores or donate directly.

Jewish Family Services

Accepting donations for Holiday Basket Program

Apply here:

<https://jfsrochester.org/the-holiday-basket-program-at-jfs/>

Rochester Family Mission

388 Tremont Street, Rochester, NY 14608

Accepts donations of non-perishable food items. Financial donations are also accepted.

Donate food:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/60941fe54451ec0a26237b65/t/670b17414e76752f0b6298ce/1728780097427/Holiday+Food+Basket+List.pdf>

Host a Food Drive: <https://www.rfmission.org/foodprograms>

Sponsor a Family for the holidays.

For more information, call (585) 436-7523.

SWEM Community Services (585) 235-4491

1049 Wegman Rd

<https://gatespres.org/giving/>

Call to receive list of food items needed to make a Christmas basket and information about delivery of donation.

Third Presbyterian Church

4 Meig St.

Distributing Christmas baskets- can adopt a family to purchase a Christmas basket for

<https://www.thirdpresbyterian.org/outreach/christmas-baskets/>

Villa of Hope's Holiday Wishes Program

The Holiday Wishes program ensures that the youth and families served by the Villa receive gifts this holiday season. For some, these will be the only gifts they receive.

Stop by any Starbucks or Summit Federal Credit Union branch and pick up a wish tag. Then, drop your unwrapped gifts off where you picked up the tag.

Or, if you would rather, visit the wish list on Amazon and have your gifts delivered straight to the holiday workshop: <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/search?name=villa%20of%20hope>

For more information or questions, call or email Isha Torres at events@villaofhope.org, or call her at 585-752-7735!

You can also easily make a secure online donation at

<https://www.villaofhope.org/donate/#donation-form>

Volunteers of America

Accepting donations for the Holiday Toy Drive: <https://www.roonga.com/voaupnytoydrive2025>

**IF YOU NEED FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT ANY OF THE PROGRAMS
LISTED, PLEASE CALL THE AGENCY DIRECTLY. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO MAKE
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