

Holiday Food and Gift Resources 2025

Deadlines and Program Capacities Vary

Information as of November 21, 2025

Please Note: A number of food shelves may be offering 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 about food and gift programs.

1. **Emergency Foodshelf Network, Inc. (EFN) - thefoodgroupmn.org**

- The Emergency Foodshelf Network (EFN) provides free holiday meal baskets for winter holidays to families facing hunger. The program provides holiday-specific food packages to Twin Cities residents living below the federal poverty guidelines, and each package provides enough food to feed a family of at least eight people.
- Call (763) 450-3860 or email info@thefoodgroupmn.org with questions.
- Service Area: Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Isanti, Ramsey, Scott and Washington Counties.

2. **Salvation Army - [Toy Shop - Twin Cities Salvation Army](#)**

Website: [Angel Tree \(saangeltree.org\)](http://saangeltree.org)

Phone Number: (651-746-3595)

Eligible Counties: Hennepin, Ramsey, Anoka, Dakota, Scott, Carver, Washington, Chisago, Wright and Sherburne

Age Limit: 14

Program Information: *Registration for the 2025 Twin Cities Toy Shop opens November 1st, 2025. Please register online at [Angel Tree \(saangeltree.org\)](http://saangeltree.org) or call 651-746-3595 Monday thru Friday 9 am to 4 pm. The Toy Shop is a collaboration of churches and agencies who work together to register families for Christmas resources. When you complete the form, your information will be assigned and given to an agency that can serve you. They will be responsible for instructing you on how to pick up toys. In order to complete the registration, you must meet all of the following guidelines:*

- You must live in the 10 county metro area of the Twin Cities (Minnesota).
- You must have a child or children up to age 14.
- You must have an active email address (for online registration).
- You must have a home address and receive mail there.
- You have not registered for Christmas assistance anywhere else.
- You must show proof of address and identification for every child when you pick up your toys.

Holiday Food Baskets is another option for families. In order to register for a food basket you can contact your local Salvation Army Social Service Office. In order to find the phone number for your area please go to [Location Search - The Salvation Army USA Central Territory](#).

3. Toys for Tots - [Home - Toys for Tots](#)

Register by contacting one of the listed agencies on the website below. Please choose the one closest to your home.

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

Phone Number: 612-713-4827

Eligible Counties: Anoka, Blue Earth, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Freeborn, Hennepin, Ramsey, Rice, Sherburne, Scott, Washington and Wright.

Age Limit: 16

Program Information: Toys are distributed through participating non-profit organizations. A child is only able to be registered through one charitable organization. Only toy requests by family members with custodial responsibility are normally approved. Other requests are considered on a case by case basis.

Registration: For a list of approved organizations, visit [here](#). Once you find an agency close to you, you can reach out to them directly. They will then submit a request to Toys for Tots for you.

4. North Side Blessings – Adopt A Family

Serves: Open to all families

- Registration:
 - **Now until the program is full.**
 - ○ Visit [Facebook website](#) to register; must sign in to Google Forms to complete the [application](#). Send an email to northsideblessings17@gmail.com with any questions or difficulties with registering.
 - No guarantee to be adopted. Only submit one request. If selected, family will receive an ID number. Must be open to direct contact. Must respond to adopters within 48 hours.
 - If in a domestic violence situation, can remain anonymous but must be verified.
- Documentation: Must provide a medical card or benefits letter from county with parent/guardian and child(ren)s information. Must be legal parent or have legal guardianship of child(ren).

5. **Christmas with Dignity – REGISTRATION OPENS NOVEMBER 3rd, 2025.**

Online registration only: [Register Online](#) before November 30th or until full. Shopping Day will be December 12th from 9 am to 6 pm.

Registration requirements: current, valid photo ID for parent/guardian that is registering the child/ren. *If address has changed, bring utility bill with new address. You must live in one of these zip codes to register: 55443, 55444, 55429, 55430, 55412, 55422 and 55411.

- For biological children: bring ORIGINAL birth certificate listing parent and child.
- For legal guardians/foster parents: bring custody letter; name and phone number of social worker.

6. **Fare for All Express**

Phone: 763-450-3880.

Website: <https://fareforall.thefoodgroupmn.org/>.

Fresh groceries at discounted prices. Currently only has a limited number of sales with a drive through sale model. Attend a Fare for All site-many sites available. Payment options include cash, credit/debit card, or EBT. For the holiday season, they will host a sale in EITHER November or December. Please check the schedule on the website.

FARE FOR ALL will have Holiday Food Baskets for Sale in November and December.

7. **NEAR North-suburban Emergency Assistance Response - [NEAR - Home \(nearfoodshelf.org\)](#)**

Phone: 763-533-2836

Website: <http://www.nearfoodshelf.org/NEAR-Services.html>

Address: 5209 W. Broadway Avenue, Crystal, MN 55429

Open to Residents of: New Hope, Crystal, Robbinsdale within the boundaries of Co. Rd. 169 (to the west), 62nd Avenue N (to the north), Victory Memorial Drive (to the east), and 42nd Avenue N. (to the south)

Holiday Baskets & School Supplies

Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes of food are given. Toys, caps and mittens are also given out on the second Saturday in December at a separate location. They offer a holiday toy distribution for children aged newborn through grade 12 who live in Crystal, New Hope, or Robbinsdale. Registration is required. Contact 763-533-2836 for information.

Food

Individuals or families in need may call **(763) 533-2836** between 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. M-F for an appointment. Food pickups are scheduled between 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

(MTWTF) and 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Thursdays. An additional 2 to 3 day supply of food will be given once every 30 days, if necessary.
Must live in Crystal, New Hope or Robbinsdale.

8. **PRISM - 1220 Zane Ave N, Golden Valley**

Phone: 763-529-1350

Website: [Celebrating Children at PRISM \(prismmpls.org\)](http://celebratingchildrenatprism.org)

Address: 1220 Zane Avenue N, Golden Valley, MN 55422

Open to Residents of: Golden Valley, Robbinsdale, New Hope, Crystal, and Plymouth (east of 494)

Holiday Toy Shop Registration is open October 21st through December 5th. The event will be held on December 13. Please go to [Celebrating Children at PRISM \(prismmpls.org\)](http://celebratingchildrenatprism.org) to register or call 763-529-1350 for more information.

Holiday Toy Shoppe: To qualify for the 2025 toy shop, your child must live in your home and you must verify children prior to registration (medical card, birth certificate, social security card, school record). If you haven't used PRISM services before, you must meet with a Case Manager to complete intake prior to using services.

9. **CEAP – Holiday Program - 7051 Brooklyn Blvd, Brooklyn Center.**

Eligible to residents of Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, and East Champlin. Ages 18 and younger. You must be registered at the food shelf to participate in the children's programs. Please register at 763-450-3670. Leave a message and someone will get back to you.

- For the Food Shelf: Register [online](#) or call 763-566-9600; online registration is preferred; 9 am – 3:30 pm Monday – Friday to schedule a food shelf appointment
- Description: Drive thru pick up; provides holiday food items in addition to regular food shelf items. Note: There is a considerable decline related to available holiday food items especially meat/protein.

10. **United Way 2-1-1**

United Way receives information from organizations that are providing holiday food, toys and gifts. Call 2-1-1, toll free at 800-543-7709 or 651-291-0211. You can also text your zip code to 898-211*. They will search for programs within your zip code.