



WESD MCKINNEY VENTO
NEWSLETTER

SEPT - OCT 2026

September

Dear McKinney Vento Families,
The Social Services McKinney-Vento Program is here to support your family and ensure your student has the opportunity to succeed—every day, every opportunity. From moments on campus, to connecting you with resources, we are committed to navigating this school year with you.

- **WESD Social Services Team**



Important Upcoming Dates:

 **Labor Day: September 7 (No School)**

Helpful Resources Always Available

Access community resources on our [WESD Resources Page](#)

Stay updated with monthly newsletters, community events, resources, and updates—all posted on our [WESD McKinney-Vento Website](#)

Learn about your rights under the McKinney-Vento Act: [Know Your Rights](#)

OCTOBER

Important Upcoming Dates:

 **Fall Break: October 12–16
No School**

 **Parent-Teacher Conferences:
October 27–30 (Early Release)**

- Please note these are **early dismissal days**. Be on the lookout for information from your child’s teacher about signing up for a conference time. Conferences are a wonderful opportunity to review your child’s academic progress and celebrate their successes.



Please see the attached file regarding holiday assistance opportunities!

- Some applications open as early as October 1st.

Contact Info

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Important Dates

Labor Day – no school: 9/7
Fall break – no school: 10/12 – 10/16
Early Dismissal for Parent/Teacher conferences on Oct 27, 28, 29, 30

2026 Holiday Resource Sheet

Christmas Toy & Gift Programs | By Location

PHOENIX



1. St. Vincent de Paul Adopt-a-Family Program

- Helps low-income families receive Christmas gifts, clothing, and holiday meal assistance.
- Available for eligible families throughout the Valley.

<https://www.stvincentdepaul.net/get-help>

- Main Phone: 602-266-4673

2. Salvation Army – Metro Phoenix (Angel Tree / Christmas Angel)

- Main Office: 2707 E Van Buren St, Phoenix, AZ 85008
- Phone: 602-267-4100
- Services: Free toys, clothing, gifts
- Signup:
 - Opens early October 1st (fills fast)
 - Pickup: mid-December
- How: Register online or at local Salvation Army sites

Website: <https://www.salvationarmyphoenix.org/christmas-angel>

3. Phoenix Rescue Mission

- Address: 2515 N 34th Dr, Phoenix, AZ 85009
- Phone: 602-346-3366
- Services: Christmas gifts + holiday food boxes
- Event: Mid-late December (example: around Dec 20)
- Signup: Usually through referrals or outreach events

Website: <https://phoenixrescuemission.org>

4. Toys for Tots – Phoenix / Maricopa County

Multiple distribution sites (Valley-wide)

Local Contact: varies by campaign (check website)

Services: Free toys (ages 0–12)

Signup:

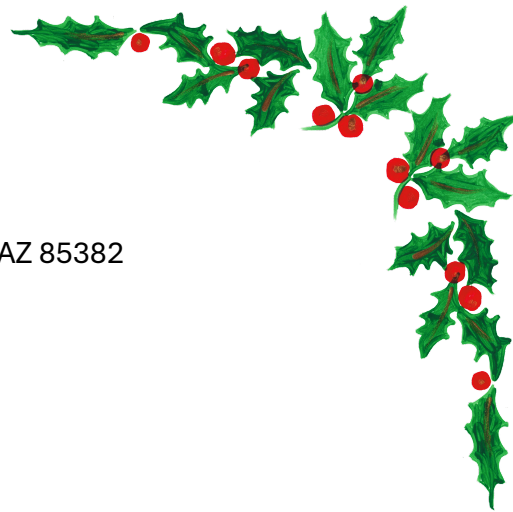
- Opens October 1st
- Closes early December

How: Request toys online

Website: <https://phoenix-az.toysfortots.org>



PEORIA



1. Purposeful Giving Alliance – “Day of Giving”

- Address: Peoria Sports Complex, 16101 N 83rd Ave, Peoria, AZ 85382
- Phone: Not listed (event-based org)
- Services:
 - Free toys
 - Holiday meals
 - Family event
- Event: Around Dec 20 (7am–3pm)
- Signup:
 - No application

<https://purposefulgivingalliance.org/events/>

2. Salvation Army – Peoria

- Address: 8702 W Cholla St, Peoria, AZ 85345
- Phone: 623-486-4663
- Services: Christmas assistance, toys, clothing
- Signup: Early November

GLENDALE

1. Salvation Army – Glendale Corps

- Address: 6010 W Northern Ave, Glendale, AZ 85301
- Phone: 623-934-0469
- Services: Angel Tree (toys, clothes), food, holiday assistance
- Signup:
 - Opens early November (fills quickly)
 - Pickup mid-December

How: Call or register through local Salvation Army

<https://glendale-az.salvationarmy.org/>

2. Toys for Tots (West Valley access)

- Multiple Glendale/West Valley distribution sites
 - Contact via website
 - Services: Free toys (0–12)
 - Signup: October – early December

<https://phoenix-az.toysfortots.org>

