Holiday Resources for Minneapolis Families (Thanksgiving & Christmas)

Below is a list of organizations and programs that may help families with holiday meals, food assistance, toys, gifts, winter clothing, and other seasonal needs. Many programs require early registration, so families are encouraged to contact organizations as soon as possible. Information and availability may change yearly.

🦃 Thanksgiving & Holiday Meals

The Salvation Army Twin Cities

Provides Thanksgiving and Christmas meals, food shelves, holiday food distributions, toy programs, and other seasonal assistance through several Minneapolis locations. Families should contact their nearest location for registration dates and eligibility requirements. [spokesman-...corder.com], [centralusa...onarmy.org]

Minneapolis Locations

- Northeast Minneapolis: 2727 Central Ave. NE
- North Minneapolis: 2024 Lyndale Ave. N.
- South Minneapolis: 1604 E. Lake St. [The Salvat...ion Center]

Loaves & Fishes

Provides free community meals throughout the Twin Cities, including holiday meals during Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. Families can locate nearby meal sites online. [spokesman-...corder.com], [health.state.mn.us]

Marie Sandvik Center

Offers holiday meals and food bags for individuals and families experiencing hardship during the holiday season. [fair.mpschools.org]

Second Harvest Heartland

Connects families to food shelves, holiday food distributions, SNAP assistance, and emergency food resources across Minnesota. Call or text **866-844-3663** for assistance finding food near you. [2harvest.org], [2harvest.org]

🎁 Christmas Toys & Gifts

Toys for Tots - Twin Cities

Provides holiday toys to children in need throughout Minneapolis and St. Paul. Families can apply through the local Toys for Tots program during the annual registration period. [minneapoli...ortots.org], [minnesota....ortots.org]

Website: https://minneapolis-mn.toysfortots.org [minneapoli...ortots.org]

Salvation Army Angel Tree & Toy Shop

Provides toys and holiday gifts for eligible children ages 0-14 through its Toy Shop and Angel Tree programs. Registration typically opens in November. [needhelppa...gbills.com], [propfood.org]

Christmas with Dignity

A Minneapolis program allowing families to select and purchase holiday gifts at greatly reduced cost while preserving family dignity and choice. [propfood.org]

🧥 Winter Coats & Clothing

Salvation Army Coats for Kids

Provides coats, hats, mittens, boots, snow pants, and other winter clothing for children throughout the Twin Cities. Families can contact their nearest Salvation Army location for availability.

Pilgrim Dry Cleaners - Coats for Kids

Distributes donated winter coats to many Twin Cities organizations, including Minneapolis Public Schools, People Serving People, and local nonprofits serving families. [pilgrimdry...eaners.com]

United Way 211 Winter Clothing Resources

Families can contact **211** to locate free winter clothing events and coat distributions in their area. Services are available in multiple languages. [211unitedway.org]

🏠 Additional Family Support

United Way 211

Call **211** or visit **211unitedway.org** for:

- Food assistance
- Housing support
- Utility assistance
- Holiday programs
- Winter clothing resources
- Emergency assistance [211unitedway.org], [health.state.mn.us]

Hennepin County Emergency Assistance

Provides support for families facing financial emergencies, housing instability, or utility challenges during the winter months. [fair.mpschools.org]

WIC & Minnesota Food Resources

Families with young children can access food support, referrals, and nutrition assistance through WIC and statewide food resource networks. [health.state.mn.us]

Quick Reference for Family Liaisons

☎️ **United Way 211:** Dial 211
☎️ **Second Harvest Heartland:** 866-844-3663
☎️ **Twin Cities Salvation Army Holiday Assistance:** 651-746-3595
🌐 **Toys for Tots:** minneapolis-mn.toysfortots.org