



One Family Holiday Assistance Guide 2021

STATEWIDE

MASS 2-1-1

The [Mass 2-1-1](#) online directory is an information resource for emergency food, rent, help to pay your heating and utility bills, mental health counseling, health programs, public health and safety services, child care referrals, job resources, and other help for individuals, parents, and families. [Holiday search results](#) for Massachusetts. Tip: use “holiday” under keyword search and set your location.

PROJECT BREAD FOOD SOURCE HOTLINE

[Project Bread](#) screens Massachusetts residents for eligibility for the SNAP Program, helps people apply over the phone, & provides information on community food programs. This hotline has translators available in 140 languages. Hotline: (800) 645-8333 Phone: (617) 723-5000 TTY: 1-800-377-1292 Email: info@projectbread.org

TOYS FOR TOTS - APPLY FOR TOYS

The mission of the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve [Toys for Tots Program](#) is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November, and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community in which the campaign is conducted. You can apply for assistance on the webpage.

BY AREA

GREATER BOSTON: [SALVATION ARMY - CHRISTMAS](#)

Christmas Castle pre-registration is available for families throughout Boston. Families with children under the age of 16 are invited to pre-register. Qualified and pre-registered families will receive Christmas dinner and gifts. Distribution is at The Salvation Army Boston Kroc Center area Monday, December 13-15. When you register you will be required to pick a time slot for pick up.

IMPORTANT: ALL clients must complete the verification process by providing the documents below. To complete verification, email MASHoliday@use.salvationarmy.org OR contact your local Salvation Army Corps. Your registration will be confirmed once you complete verification. **Items required:**

- Birth Certificate of each child (in your household)
- Financial need (MassHealth Card, WIC, SSI, current pay stub, etc.)
- Photo ID (for each adult living in the household)
- Proof of residence (current home, gas, cable, utility bill, etc.)

Questions? | MASHoliday@use.salvationarmy.org | (339) 502-5885

GREATER BOSTON: [SALVATION ARMY - THANKSGIVING](#)

The Salvation Army has partnered with several organizations throughout Boston to provide Thanksgiving Assistance. Below is a list of partners along with the link to their registration website. **To receive assistance households must register based on their zip code and provide a picture ID** of the head of household, current utility bill verifying address or lease, and birth certificates of household members. **Distribution is either on November 20th or 22nd depending on your location.** Supplies are limited and distributed on a first come first serve basis. **NOTE: You will need to pre-register for Christmas Assistance separately using [this link](#).**

- **[BOSTON CENTRAL HISPANIC CORPS](#)**

Serves individuals and families in Boston zip codes 02119, 02120, 02130, 02131, 02132, 02136, 02137. **Distribution Saturday, November 20, 2021**

- **[CHILDREN'S LEARNING CENTER](#)**

Serves individuals and families in Boston zip codes 02122, 02124, 02126, 02133. **Distribution Saturday, November 20, 2021**

- **[THE SALVATION ARMY BOSTON SOUTH END CORPS](#)**

Serves individuals and families in Boston zip codes 02108, 02109, 02111, 02112, 02113, 02114, 02115, 02116, 02117, 02118, 02123, 02130, 02132, 02134, 02135, 02136, 02137, 02163, 02110. **Distribution Saturday, November 20, 2021**

- **[BOSTON KROC CENTER](#)**

Serves individuals and families in Boston zip codes 02121, 02125, 02127. **Distribution Saturday, November 20, 2021**

- **[THE SALVATION ARMY CHELSEA / EAST BOSTON CORPS](#)**

Serving individuals and families in Boston zip codes 02128 and 02129. **Distribution Monday, November 22, 2021.**

CAPE COD: [CAPE COD TIMES NEEDY FUND - CHRISTMAS](#)

The mission is to provide financial assistance to Cape Cod residents for basic human needs. They have a gift certificate program for Christmas.

Phone: (508) 778-5661 or (800) 422-1446 Email: info@needyfund.org PO Box 804, Hyannis, MA 02601

EASTERN MA: [MY BROTHER'S KEEPER - CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE](#)

Assistance is provided by delivery only— no pick-ups at our facility. They assist families all over eastern Massachusetts including Boston and Cape Cod. They do not serve Framingham or points west. All requests are processed by phone. They cannot accept e-mail requests or requests made in-person. Gifts are delivered directly to homes sometime between December 1-24. Their volunteers call ahead to schedule delivery appointments.

Christmas Assistance Line: 508-238-2562 -- Call for up-to-date days & hours of operation

AMESBURY: [OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE](#)

Free food is for both Thanksgiving and Christmas to families that would otherwise go without. Their holiday programs offer a variety of groceries to help families prepare a delicious holiday meal in their own homes for Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Thanksgiving groceries will be available for ordering the week of November 15th. Distribution dates are listed in the local paper, on their website, and in their office during the holiday season. **if you have never shopped with ONT before please register in advance [here](#).**

145 Main Street, Amesbury, Massachusetts 01913 Phone: (978) 388-1907

BEVERLY: SALVATION ARMY

Thanksgiving assistance is provided at the Salem location. Thanksgiving assistance is provided on November 22 and 24, 2021 9:00-11:00 am. First come, first serve. No application is needed. Pick-up at 93 North Street, Salem (parking lot in back).

CHARLESTOWN: THE KENNEDY CENTER COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER (CRC)

The CRC is located at 15 Tufts Street in Charlestown and is open to the public Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM. The CRC staff provides a wide range of antipoverty and social services on both a scheduled and drop-in basis. Services are offered for Charlestown residents. Winter coat drive for both adults and children. Annual Holiday Gift Drive that provides seasonal gifts for over 700 children from low-income families. For more information contact the Director of Community Services, Crystal Galvin at 617-241-8866 EXT. 1352 or cgalvin@kennedycenter.org.

DORCHESTER: ACTION FOR BOSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WINTER FUND

Many locations throughout ABCD's network of neighborhood sites offer holiday meal assistance in the form of food baskets, turkeys, and food supplies that low-income families need to cook and serve holiday meals in their homes. We make food baskets, turkeys, and other holiday meal supplies available for pickup at many neighborhood sites from mid-November through the end of December.

FALL RIVER / TAUNTON: CITIZENS FOR CITIZENS - OPERATION CHRISTMAS

Provides toys to parents of children from birth to 12 years of age to be given as gifts at Christmas. (Must reside in the Greater Fall River or Greater Taunton areas to be eligible). Applicants must go to the website, download a copy of the application and physically return the application, with all required documents to their city's Operation Christmas Dropbox. Both office addresses are listed below. Custodial parents of children may apply. **Applications are due December 9th, 2021.** Documentation Needed: Proof of Address (a bill or piece of mail) and each Child's Birth Certificate or Mass Health Card.

Fall River Office: Mon- Fri 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. 264 Griffin Street Fall River, MA 02724
Email: carpa@cfinc.org Telephone: (508) 679-0041 Fax: (508) 324-0643

Taunton Office: Mon- Fri 9:00 am- 3:00p.m. 1 Taunton Green Taunton, MA 02780
Email: daraujo@cfinc.org Telephone: (508)823-6346

HAVERHILL: SALVATION ARMY

Provides services that include food pantries, rent payment assistance, electric bill payment assistance (in December), gas bill payment assistance, utility payment assistance, Christmas baskets, Thanksgiving dinner, and prescription. **Applicants are required to bring:** Photo ID, proof of ALL household income, proof of expenses (rent/mortgage, utilities, etc.), proof of address, proof of all household members (ID for adults and birth certificates for children).

Want to Help? Volunteers are needed to serve, act as wait staff, and clean up. Contact Lynnann Rivers: 978-420-4192

Christmas Angel Tree Program: Each year, The Salvation Army helps provide Christmas gifts to children 12 and under who would not otherwise experience the joy of Christmas due to their families' financial struggle. Distribution of gifts and vouchers will be at The Salvation Army, 395 Main Street, Haverhill. Assistance is available for those who live in **Haverhill, Merrimac, and Groveland.** Phone: 978-420-4192

HOPKINTON: PROJECT JUST BECAUSE, INC.

The Holiday Wish List Program allows needy families to request toys, gifts, and other assistance at Christmas and Easter. The Holiday gift program for 2021 is currently at capacity. To be placed on the waiting list email request@projectjustbecause.org

LAWRENCE: NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Must be a client of the food pantry or referred by a caseworker from a local social service agency (this may not apply for all services provided call the organization's number ahead of time to see if this is a requirement for the specific service you seek). Food pantry may provide holiday meals and Christmas/Thanksgiving baskets to those in need. To arrange for a delivery or pick up of your food drive goods, please contact Linda Zimmerman at linda@needfood.org or neighborsinneed@verizon.net. Offers deliveries for homebound people. There is also a diaper pantry program that provides formula, diapers, and clothing to low-income families. If you need this item call the organization's main number and leave a message.

Address: 276 Essex Street, Lawrence, MA 01841 Phone: (978) 685-8321

LAWRENCE: SALVATION ARMY

Provides services that include food pantries, rent payment assistance, electric bill payment assistance, gas bill assistance, and utility payment assistance. Offers Santa fund, Angels, and Adopt-a-family. Need to apply in person and bring a photo ID, proof of address, school letter stating children are in school, custody papers, if applicable, proof of income, and birth certificate for children. Ages 0 – 12. Contact the Salvation Army for the sign-up deadline.

Address: 250 Haverhill St Phone: (978) 682-8038

MARBLEHEAD: SALVATION ARMY

Thanksgiving assistance is provided at the Salem location. Thanksgiving assistance is provided on November 22 and 24, 2021 9:00-11:00 am. First come, first serve. No application is needed. Pick-up: 93 North Street, Salem (parking lot in back).

NORTH ANDOVER: EAGLE-TRIBUNE SANTA FUND

NORTHBRIDGE: NORTHBRIDGE RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

Provides Christmas toys and baskets for families with children ages 0-17. Emergency food pantry - one visit per month for residents. The food pantry is open Tuesday and Thursday. For Christmas toys contact Catholic Charities at 508-234-3800. Senior Center address: 20 Highland St, Whitinsville, MA 01588 Phone: (508) 234-4599

NORWELL: FRIENDS OF NORWELL FOOD PANTRY AND PROGRAMS

- **FOOD PANTRY**

The pantry gives out Thanksgiving Baskets on Nov. 23 from 2-4 pm at 345 Main Street near the Norwell town hall. For Christmas give away families must sign up they can sign up by calling 781-659-7878

- **ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM**

The Adopt-a-Family program has been created to assist all during the holiday season. This includes a single living alone, a senior couple, or a family. We strive to keep our patron's privacy and dignity while matching those offering to help with as much information as possible. For those looking for assistance or wanting to help please connect with us before Thanksgiving. Email: norwellfp@aol.com Phone: 781-690-5050

- **KIDS-IN-NEED**

Kids-in-Need is a year-round program for any child in Norwell whose family may be having difficulty providing necessities; field trip assistance, school supplies, school snacks, backpacks, winter clothing, etc. There are times when families may need help with more than food and the Kids in Need program tries to fill those gaps. If you are interested in this program contact the organization using the email and or phone number listed above.

ROXBURY: [SALVATION ARMY](#)

- **THANKSGIVING BASKET**

If you and your family reside in Boston and need assistance for a Thanksgiving meal, please come pre-register at a local Salvation Army site. Families who qualify will pre-register to receive a turkey along with all the fixings to enjoy the traditions of Thanksgiving in the comfort of their own homes. Each basket includes a turkey, fresh vegetables, stuffing, cranberry sauce, a pie, coffee, and a roasting pan.

Registration items required: Photo ID for all adults living in the household, current utility bill (home phone, gas, electric, cable, and water) to verify where you live. Zip Codes Served: Roxbury: 02119, 02120, Roslindale: 02131, Hyde Park: 02133, 02136, 02137, West Roxbury: 02132

- **CHRISTMAS CASTLE**

Families who qualify will pre-register for Christmas assistance which includes: a food voucher for Christmas dinner, winter coats for family members, and toys for each child in the household under age 15.

Registration items required: Photo ID for all adults living in the household, current utility bill (home phone, gas, electric, cable, and water) to verify where you live, birth certificate of each child in your household under the age of 15, proof of financial need (Mass Health Card, WIC, SSI approval letter, current pay stub, etc.). Zip Codes Served: Roxbury: 02119, 02120, Roslindale: 02131, Hyde Park: 02133, 02136, 02137, West Roxbury: 02132. Distribution held at the Park Plaza Castle in the Back Bay from Monday, December 10th – Wednesday, December 12th. Specific times will be provided upon registration.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers are needed to set up, escort clients, “personal shop” for coats and toys, and more. Several shifts are available. Please contact Kimberly Santos at Christina.Shaughnessy@use.salvationarmy.org to sign up.

SALEM: [NORTH SHORE CORPS COMMUNITY CENTER](#)

Thanksgiving assistance is provided on November 22 and 24, 2021 9:00-11:00 am. First come, first serve. No application is needed. Pick-up: 93 North Street, Salem (parking lot in back).

SCITUATE: [SCITUATE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS](#)

Scituate Community Christmas is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization formed to help provide food and new Christmas gifts to Scituate families who are faced with economic hardship or other circumstances during the holiday season. The organization’s focus is children and the elderly without family in the area. There is a strict residency requirement; all recipients must reside in the Town of Scituate. Please complete the [online form](#) to request assistance for yourself or someone else, or call 781-545-7108. Children are eligible up to their 18th birthday unless the individual is disabled. All information provided is kept in strict confidence.

125 Mann Lot Road, Scituate, MA 02066 Phone: (781) 545-7108 Email: info@scituatecommunitychristmas.org

SPRINGFIELD: [HOLIDAY MEALS, OPEN PANTRY](#)

Thanksgiving Holiday Meal:

Thursday – November 25, 2021, Open Pantry will be hosting its annual Thanksgiving Meal. The traditional meals will be packed up in to-go containers and distributed outside the High School of Commerce starting at noon on Thanksgiving Day. The High School of Commerce is located at 415 State Street in Springfield and the meals will be served on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are elderly or infirm and you need a meal delivered, please call (413) 737-5337.

Address: 415 State Street, Springfield, MA 01105 Phone: (413) 737-5354 Email: opcs@openpantry.org

SPRINGFIELD: [HOLIDAY MEALS, OPEN PANTRY](#)

Christmas Holiday Meal:

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WOBURN: [COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL CONCERN](#)

Visit their [Facebook page here](#). For more information or to make an appointment call 781-935-6495 and ask for the Food Pantry. Alternatively, you can email paula@socialconcern.org.

WORCESTER: [THE FRIENDLY HOUSE](#)

Many services are offered to the low income. Food, meals, holiday baskets, and referrals are just some of the examples of services.

Address: 36 Wall Street, Worcester, MA, 01604 Phone: (508) 755-4362

WORCESTER: [TOYS FOR TOTS REQUEST FORM](#)

If you have any questions, please email worcester.ma@toysfortots.org Contact number: 978-309-5706

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

ACTION FOR BOSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, INC. (ABCD)

This is the regional community action agency. The non-profit may have referrals to Christmas assistance agencies, gently used children or adult clothing, and other serves for low-income families. There are several locations and offices in the region.

- 19 Corinth Street, Roslindale, Massachusetts, 02131, (617) 327-1152
- Boston Hispanic Center, 178 Tremont Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 02111, (617) 348-6263 Ext: 251
- Jamaica Plain APAC, 295 Centre Street, Jamaica Plain, MA, 02130, (617) 522-4830
- 535 River Street, Mattapan, MA, 02126, call (617) 298-2045
- North End/West End NSC, One Michelangelo Street, Boston, MA, 02113, dial (617) 523-8125
- Parker Hill/Fenway NSC, 714 Parker Street, Boston, MA, 02120, main number is (617) 445-6000
- South Boston Action Center, 424 West Broadway, South Boston, MA, 02127, (617) 269-5160
- The non-profit has many other programs too and [read more](#) on assistance from Action for Boston Community Development.

SOUTH END NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION

During the Christmas season, holidays, and year-round the agency may have baby clothing, diapers, food, and more. There are also free gender-specific toys for boys and girls from low-income families as well as Thanksgiving turkeys and free Christmas food for the entire family.

Address: 554 Columbus Avenue, Boston, MA, 02118 Phone: (617) 267-7400

KENNEDY FAMILY SERVICE CENTER

Address: 23A Moulton Street, Charlestown, MA, 02129 Phone: (617) 241-8866
Only supports residents of Charlestown.

CATHOLIC CHARITABLE BUREAU OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON, INC.

This charity also operates across Suffolk and nearby counties. Various programs are administered year-round. Children and seniors may also enroll in holiday programs, including gifts at Christmas, home-delivered meals, free groceries, and more.

- Yawkey Center, 185 Columbia Road, Boston, MA, 02121, (617) 506-6600
- 270 Washington Street, Somerville, Massachusetts, 02143, dial (617) 625-1920
- 5 Wilson Street, Natick, Massachusetts, 01760, telephone (508) 647-5638

CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY

The charity will hold a Christmas party for homeless children in Boston. Distributes free toys, clothing, and presents as well as entertainment and a free dinner.

Kennedy Brothers Physical Therapy, 45 Franklin Street - 2nd Floor, Boston, MA, 02110 Phone: (617) 542-6611

EAST END HOUSE

Most of the aid is offered from a food pantry, including canned and dry goods, fresh fruits, vegetables, turkeys at the holidays, meats, and dairy products. Another program is Toy Drive and Adopt-a-Family, which provides free toys and presents for children from families who would otherwise have a difficult time purchasing gifts for the holiday period.

Address: 105 Spring Street, Cambridge, MA, 02141 Phone: (617) 876-4444

GLOBE SANTA

Address: Post Office Box 55820, Boston, MA, 02205

GREATER BOSTON FOOD BANK

Mostly has referrals to meal programs, soup kitchens. 70 South Bay Avenue, Boston, MA 02118. (617) 427-5200.

JF&CS CENTER FOR FAMILY ASSISTANCE & FAMILY TABLE

Address: 1430 Main Street, Waltham, MA, 02451 Telephone: (816) 47J-FCS5

PROJECT BREAD'S FOOD SOURCE HOTLINE

This non-profit can connect qualified low-income and working poor individuals and families to other food resources and regional Christmas or Thanksgiving programs.

Address: 145 Border Street, Boston, MA, 02128 Phone: (800) 645-8333

TOYS FOR TOTS

Toys for Tots provides free holiday gifts/ toys for children across MA. Note this service does not give free toys or Christmas gifts to individual families. Applicants must contact a church in their town (or city of Boston), a charity, or a social worker. Christmas gifts are gender-specific and will be free and can include games, clothes, trucks for boys, dolls, and more. For more information on Toys for Tots in Suffolk County.

Address: 23 Dry Dock Ave, Boston, MA, 02210 Call (617) 737-0500 for an application.

SALVATION ARMY OF MASSACHUSETTS

Various resources are available, including the Christmas Castle Program. This will provide necessities (clothes, gifts, toys) to eligible individuals and families during the holidays. They also run an Annual Toy Drive, among other services provided. There is also Angel Tree as well as Adopt a Family.

- 1472 Washington Street, Boston, MA, 02118, Call (617) 536-5260
- Dorchester's Jubilee House, 10 Melville Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts, 02124, (617) 282-8433
- 23 Vernon Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 02119, (617) 427-6700
- 147 Berkeley Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 02116, telephone (617) 542-5420
- 650 Dudley Street, Boston, MA, 02125, dial (617) 318-6900
- The Eagle-Tribune Santa Fund, which offers food, clothing, and toys to individuals and families, is run from the office at 100 Turnpike St, North Andover, MA, 01845. Call (978) 946-2127.
- 402 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, (617) 547-3400
- The address is 35-45 Concord St. Post Office Box 311, Framingham, MA, 01704, (508) 875-3341
- 150 Appleton Street, Lowell, Massachusetts, 01852, dial (978) 458-3396
- Mystic Valley Corps, 213-219 Main Street, Malden, MA, 02148, (781) 324-1970
- Other Salvation Army centers are also offered. Find them in [Suffolk County as well as Middlesex County](#).

TOWN OF ASHLAND

Address: 162 West Union Street Lower Level, Ashland, MA, 01721 Phone: (508) 881-0109

BREAD OF LIFE

Offers a free meal program for low-income and homeless people who are Malden residents only.

Address: 54 Eastern Avenue, Malden, MA, 02148 Phone: (781) 397-0404

TOWN OF CONCORD SILENT FUND

c/o First Parish in Church 20 Lexington Road, Concord, MA 01742 Phone: (978) 369-9602

This is for town residents only. It accepts holiday donations and then provides those goods, gifts, and toys to qualified town residents. Applicants need to have a referral from a pastor or social service agency.

CONCIL OF SOCIAL CONCERN

Address: 2 Merrimac Street, Woburn, MA 01801 Phone: (781) 935-6495

EAGLE HALL

The non-profit serves a free Thanksgiving Dinner at the Eagle Grille. It is for those from the community that might otherwise have no opportunity to celebrate the holiday.

Address: 55 Park Street, Framingham, MA 01702 Phone: (508) 820-0600

INTERNATIONAL FAMILY PROGRAM

Has toys, free Christmas gifts, and school supplies only to children and residents of the City of Laurence and surrounding areas.

Address: 99 Concord Street, North Reading, MA 01864 Phone: (978) 276-6448

MARYNARD FOOD PANTRY

Address: 12 Bancroft Street, Maynard, MA, 01754 Phone: (978) 897-8340

NATICK SERVICE COUNCIL SEASONAL AND HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Address: 2 Webster Street, Natick, MA, 01760 Phone: (508) 655-1791

MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

They partner with many local churches and charities in both Suffolk as well as Middlesex County. They refer low-income families, immigrants, and families in poverty to financial assistance as well as Christmas programs. Regions covered include Lowell, Haverhill, Boston, and other cities. They have free furniture, Christmas trees or gifts for families, food boxes (Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas), and many other items. The locations include:

- Easton, PO Box 338, Easton, MA 02356-0338. Call 508-238-2562
- Dartmouth location is at N. Dartmouth, MA 02747-0273. Phone - 508-238-2562.

ROD AND GUN CLUB

The club hosts a free Thanksgiving Meal with all the toppings. It is open to the general public.

Address: 252 Wood St, Hopkinton, Massachusetts, 01748 Phone: (508) 435-4148

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A free Thanksgiving meal is served to the unemployed and those that need help.

Address: 39 Central St, Natick, MA, 01760 Phone: (508) 655-5880

SUN SANTA FUND

The charity distributes gifts and free toys. The program and is provided is funded by donations to children in need during the holiday season.

Address: 150 Appleton Street, Lowell, MA, 01852 Phone: (978) 458-3396

UNITED WAY OF TRI-COUNTY

They run the Hope for the Holidays Giving Program. It distributes new toys that are acquired through donations. All items are made available to needy children during the holiday season.

Address: 46 Park Street, Framingham, MA 01702 Call (508) 370-4873 for information.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE CLIENT HOLIDAY GIFT HELP