



# 2015 HOLIDAY PROGRAM LIST

Compiled by United Way of Central Minnesota

Includes: Benton, Sherburne, Stearns, and Wright Counties

Contact Leah Voss at: (320)229-3509 or lvoss@unitedwayhelps.org if there is an error in this directory or you know of another program that can be included.

Call 2-1-1 or 1-800-543-7709 to find holiday programs throughout the state of Minnesota.

## **Albany**

## THANKSGIVING FOOD

**Agency:** Albany Food Shelf **Contact:** Edna Goebel

Phone: (320)291-6623 or (320-)845-7884

**Address:** Albany Community Center (Food Shelf), 741 Lake Avenue, Albany (PO Box 521) **Holiday Services Offered:** Regular food shelf items, plus a \$10 gift certificate for a turkey or

ham at local grocery store

Recipient Eligibility Requirements: Must live in Albany School District

Registration/Distribution: During regular Food Shelf hours, 9 am – 10 am 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of

month; 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, or by appointment

**Donations Needed:** Holiday Food, Toilet paper, Kleenex

## **CHRISTMAS FOOD**

**Agency:** Albany Food Shelf **Contact:** Edna Goebel

**Phone:** (320)291-6623 or (320)845-7884 **Address:** Box 613, Albany, MN 56307

Holiday Services Offered: Regular food shelf items, plus a

\$10.00 certificate for extra meat at the local grocery store (a ham, beef roast, etc.)

Recipient Eligibility Requirements: Must live in the Albany area.

Registration/Distribution: During regular Food Shelf hours, 9 am – 10 am 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of

month; 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, or by appointment

**Donations Needed:** Holiday Food

## TOYS, CLOTHING AND GIFTS FOR CHILDREN AND ELDERLY

**Agency:** Give a Gift Program - Albany Women of Today

Contact: Katrina Phone: 320-492-3250

Holiday Services Offered: Toys, clothing and gifts for children and elderly

Recipient Eligibility Requirements: Must live in the Albany Area School District. For children

18 years and younger or adults 65 and older. **Registration:** Register by November 17, 2015

**Distribution:** Those eligible will be contacted. Distribution will be 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm December 17, 2015 at the Albany Community Center, 741 Lake Avenue, Albany.

**Donations Needed:** Tags with items needed will be located on trees throughout local area

businesses.

#### Albertville- also see Hanover

**Agency:** Salvation Army (Wright County)

Holiday Programs: Coats for Kids, Serving children 0-17 years

Registration: Not need to register but must bring in all required documents

Recipient Eligibility Requirements: Bring a current piece of mail, adult ID and ID's for all

children. Must live in Wright or Sherburne County.

**Distribution:** Buffalo Community Center October 29<sup>th</sup> 10am-6pm

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#### **Annandale**

## THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

Agency: Annandale Food Shelf-Serving Annandale and Maple Lake School Districts

**Contact:** Jean Skomoroh

**Phone:** (320) 274-3663 or (612) 889-0072

**Address:** 390 Annandale Boulevard, Annandale MN 55302 **Holiday Services Offered**: Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Recipient Eligibility Requirements: Serves Annandale and Maple Lake School Districts.

**Registration:** Must register in-person by November 16<sup>th,</sup> 2015.

**Distribution:** 2 pm – 4 pm, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015

## THANKSGIVING MEAL

**Agency:** Annandale United Methodist Church

Contact: Linda

**Phone:** (320) 274-5127 (Church)

Address: 250 Oak Avenue North, Annandale, MN 55302

**Holiday Services Offered**: Thanksgiving dinner in Fellowship Hall **Date and Time:** Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 12 Noon

**Other information:** Open to the public, no registration needed. Call the church if you need a ride, would like a meal delivered (if homebound), or if you would like to get a meal for takeout.

## **CLOTHING AND GIFTS FOR FAMILIES**

Agency: Share Your Christmas

Contact: Sally Smith (320) 274-1066

**Phone:** (320) 274-5127 (Annandale United Methodist Church) **Address:** 250 Oak Avenue North, Annandale, MN 55302

Services Offered: Holiday gifts for children and grocery gift certificates for families and seniors

**Recipient Eligibility Requirements:** Annandale or South Haven address. Gifts are for children, age birth - 18; food cards for seniors and families

**Registration:** Applicants can register by calling Annandale United Methodist Church (320)

274-5127. Registration deadline is Thursday, November 19, 2015

Distribution: 2 pm - 5 pm Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 2015 at Annandale United Methodist

Donations needed: Toys, grocery gift certificates and monetary donations

#### Becker - Also see Monticello

## THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

**Agency:** Becker Food Shelf **Contact:** Janet Boettcher **Phone:** (763) 261-4612

Address: P.O. Box 181, 12060 Sherburne Ave, Becker MN 55308

Holiday Services Offered: Thanksgiving food Baskets

Recipient Eligibility Requirements: Must live in Becker school district

Registration: No deadline

Distribution: 2:00pm-5:00pm November 23rd, 2015 at Becker City Hall

**Donations Needed:** Holiday food

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## CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

**Agency:** Becker Food Shelf **Contact:** Janet Boettcher **Phone:** (763) 261-4612

Address: P.O. Box 181, 12060 Sherburne Ave, Becker MN 55308

Holiday Services Offered: Christmas food Baskets

Recipient Eligibility Requirements: Must live in Becker school district

Registration: No deadline

Distribution: 2:00pm-5:00pm December 21st, 2015 at Becker City Hall

**Donations Needed:** Holiday food

## **TOYS FOR CHILDREN— See Monticello**

## Belgrade – See Brooten

## Big Lake – also see Monticello

## THANKSGIVING FOOD SHELF

Agency: Big Lake Community Food Shelf

Phone: (763) 263-2432

Address: City Hall, 160 Lake Street North, Big Lake 55309

**Holiday Services Offered:** Thanksgiving Food items available through food shelf **Recipient Eligibility Requirements:** Persons living within the Big Lake area.

Registration/Distribution: Holiday food items provided for food shelf clients at monthly visit.

**Donations Needed:** Holiday food

#### **Brooten**

## THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS Last updated 2014

**Agency:** BBE Area Food Shelf (Belgrade, Brooten, Elrosa) **Contact:** Deb Stegman | djsteg@hotmail.com (320)346-4193

Address: 111 Pleasant Avenue, Brooten 56316

**Recipient Eligibility Requirements**: Must live in the Belgrade, Brooten, or Elrosa area **Registration**: No registration needed (If not currently a client, registration will be required.) **Distribution**: November 20, 2014 from 10 am – 5 pm (at food shelf – no regular distribution.)

**Donations Needed:** Holiday food, personal products

#### CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS Last updated 2014

**Agency:** BBE Area Food Shelf (Belgrade, Brooten, Elrosa)

Contact: Deb Stegman | djsteg@hotmail.com

Phone: (320)346-4193

**Address:** 111 Pleasant Avenue South, Brooten 56316 **Holiday Services Offered**: Christmas Food Baskets

**Recipient Eligibility Requirements**: Must live in the Belgrade, Brooten, or Elrosa area. **Register** by December 6, 2013 (If not currently a client, registration will be required.)

**Distribution** December 17, 2014 from 10 am – 5 pm (at food shelf – no regular distribution.)

**Donations Needed:** Holiday food, personal products, winter apparel

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## Buffalo

## THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

Agency: Buffalo Food Shelf

**Contact:** Roger Brenny (763)682-2979 **Phone:** (763)684-1699 – Buffalo Food Shelf

Address: PO Box 222, 301 12th Avenue South, Buffalo, MN Holiday Services Offered: Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Registration: Available at the food shelf or Wright County Human Services; mail or bring applications to Buffalo Food Shelf, 301 12th Avenue South, Buffalo, MN 55313. Register In

person or by mail through Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**Distribution:** 4 pm – 7 pm Thursday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Zion Lutheran Church, 1200 Hwy 25

South, Buffalo. Bring a photo ID and proof of residency when picking up basket.

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**Contact:** Roger Brenny (763)682-2979 **Phone:** (763)684-1699 – Buffalo Food Shelf

Address: 301 12th Ave S, Buffalo

Holiday Services Offered: Christmas Food Baskets

**Registration:** Applications are available at the Buffalo Food Shelf or Wright County Human Services; mail or bring applications to Buffalo Food Shelf, PO Box 222, 301 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue,

Buffalo, MN 55313 November 24<sup>th</sup> – December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015. **Distribution:** 4 pm – 7 pm Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Zion Lutheran Church, 1200 Hwy 25 South, Buffalo. Bring a photo ID and proof of residency when picking up basket.

#### **TOYS FOR CHILDREN**

**Agency:** Buffalo Rotary Contact: Jean Carlson Phone: (763) 269-5739

Address: PO Box 501, Buffalo, MN 55313.

**Holiday Program**: Toys for Tots **Recipient Eligibility Requirements:** 

Must be 17 years old and younger and live in Buffalo or Montrose area **Registration:** Registration is from November 1 - December 11, 2015.

**Distribution:** Saturday, December 19, 2015. After completing and mailing in the form

applicants will be notified the week of December 14th by mail with a verification number and a

time and place of distribution.

Donation Needs: All gifts, but especially those for teens. Please send monetary donations to

Toys for Tots, c/o Buffalo Rotary, PO Box 501, Buffalo, MN 55313.

## Clear Lake- See Clearwater – also see Monticello

Clearwater/Clear Lake

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

Agency: Clearwater-Clear Lake Food Shelf

Contact: Food Shelf Phone: (320) 558-2954

Address: Lions Community Building, 1100 County Road 75, PO Box 324, Clearwater, MN

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Recipient Eligibility Requirements: Available to residents of Clearwater and Clear Lake

Registration: Register at the food shelf by November 10, 2015

Distribution: 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm November 23<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Clearwater Food Shelf located

on County Road 75 in the Lions Community Building

**Donations Needed**: Holiday foods

## THANKSGIVING MEAL

**Agency:** South Santiago Lutheran Church

**Phone:** (763) 662-2048

Address: 14675 37<sup>th</sup> Street, Clear Lake, 55319

Holiday Services Offered: Meal

Date and Time: Thursday, November 26, 2015 11:30 am – 1 pm

Other Info: Deliveries are available upon request. Call (763) 662-2048 by November 23<sup>th</sup> to

get your name on the delivery schedule.

Donations Needed: Call (763) 662-2048 for needs

## **CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS**

Agency: Clearwater-Clear Lake Food Shelf

Contact: Food Shelf Phone: (320) 558-2954

Address: Lions Community Building, 1100 County Road 75, Clearwater, MN 55320

Holiday Services Offered: Christmas food baskets

Recipient Eligibility Requirements: Available to residents of Clearwater and Clear Lake

Registration: Register at the food shelf by December 8, 2015

**Distribution:** 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm December 21, 2015 at the Clearwater Food Shelf located on

County Road 75 in the Lions Community Building

**Donations needed:** Holiday foods

#### **TOYS FOR CHILDREN – See Monticello**

## Corcoran - See Delano or Hanover

#### Cokato

#### **HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS:**

**Agency:** Cokato Food Shelf **Contact:** Elim Mission Church

**Phone:** (320)286-2662

**Address:** 405 Broadway Ave S. (P.O. box 296) **Holiday service offered**: Christmas food basket

Recipient Eligibility: Residents living in Cokato. Residents needing food are able to use the

food shelf up to 6 times per year. Each visit must be 4 or more weeks apart.

**Registration:** Call before noon on Thursdays **Distribution:** Pick up Friday morning 9-9:30

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## **Cold Spring**

## **HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS:**

Agency: Rocori Food Shelf **Contact:** Linda Blackston

**Phone:** 320-685-8785 on Mondays 9-2:30pm Address: 217 Main St. Cold Spring MN 56320

Holiday service offered: Food Box

Recipient Eligibility: Residents living in Rocori School district

**Registration:** On Mondays, November 3rd- December 14, 2015 from 10:00am-2:30pm **Distribution:** December 16<sup>th</sup> 2015 at appointed time slot

## **TOYS FOR CHILDREN**

Agency: Rocori Food Shelf **Contact:** Linda Blackston

**Phone:** 320-685-8785 on Mondays 9-2:30pm Address: 217 Main St. Cold Spring MN 56320 Holiday Services Provided: Toys for Children

Eligibility Requirements: Residents living in Rocori School district with children 12 and under

Registration: On Mondays, November 3rd- December 14, 2015 from 10:00am-2:30pm

**Distribution:** December 16<sup>th</sup> 2015 at appointed time slot

## Delano

## HOLIDAY GIFT DISTRIBUTION

Agency: Delano -LOVE INC- Heartland

Contact: Lori

**Phone:** (763)972-6547 then dial option 1

Address: 318 Railroad Avenue, Delano MN 55328

**Holiday service offered:** Christmas Sharing (adopt-a-family gift giving program) Recipient Eligibility: Serves people in Delano, Maple Plain, Independence, Loretto, Greenfield, Rockford, Howard Lake, Waverly, Montrose, Watertown, Mayer, and Corcoran Registration: Register by November 6, 2015. First time users must go through phone intake process. Bring a photo ID and utility bill (preferred) with current date that states address. Toy Store deadline: December 7, 2015 for Toy Store information please call directly Distribution for Christmas Sharing and Tov Store: Morning of December 12, 2015 at their assigned churches;

**Eden Valley / Watkins** 

#### THANKSGIVING FOOD

**Agency:** Eden Valley/Watkins Food Shelf Contact: Pat Arnold at (320) 453-2853

Address: 556 Brooks St N, Eden Valley, MN 55329 Holiday Services: Extra food, along with regular amounts, Recipient Eligibility: Live in Eden Valley school district

Registration/Distribution: During regular food shelf hours: 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

Wednesday of the month

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## **CHRISTMAS FOOD**

Agency: Eden Valley/Watkins Area Food Shelf

Contact: Pat Arnold at (320) 453-2853

Address: 556 Brooks St N, Eden Valley, MN 55329

Holiday Services Offered: Extra food, along with regular amounts

Recipient Eligibility: Live in the Eden Valley school district

Registration/Distribution: During regular food shelf hours: 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

Wednesday of every month

#### Elk River

## THANKSGIVING FOOD

Agency: CAER/Community Aid Elk River

Contact: Carmen Pouliot Phone: (763) 441-1020

Address: 19279 Watson Street, Elk River, MN 55330

Holiday Services Offered: Thanksgiving Food

Recipient Eligibility requirements: Serving Elk River, Otsego and Zimmerman. Address

verification (current piece of mail) required.

**Distribution:** Available at CAER November 4<sup>th</sup> - November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Call or walk-in 1 hour prior to close during regular food shelf hours: 10 am – 3 pm; Monday, Wednesday and Friday or 6 pm – 8 pm Monday and Thursday.

#### CHRISTMAS FOOD

Agency: CAER/Community Aid Elk River

Contact: Carmen Pouliot Phone: (763) 441-1020

Address: 19279 Watson Street, Elk River, MN 55330

Holiday Services Offered: Christmas Food

Recipient Eligibility Requirements: Serving Elk River, Otsego and Zimmerman.

**Distribution**: Available at CAER December 1<sup>st</sup> - December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Call or walk-in 1 hour prior to close during regular food shelf hours: 10 am – 3 pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday

or 6 pm - 8 pm Monday and Thursday.

## **GIFTS FOR FAMILIES**

**Agency:** Gift Anonymous

Contact: Jessica

**Phone:** (612) 470-4438

Address: P. O. box 576 Otsego, MN 55330

Holiday Services Offered: Gift program for infants through seniors in High School

Recipient Eligibility Requirements: Must live in Elk River or Otsego

Registration: Applications available at CAER 19279 Watson Street, Elk River, MN 55330

November 1<sup>st</sup> – December 11th, 2015.

**Distribution:** Applicants notified of date and time by mail.

#### Elrosa – See Brooten

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## **Foley**

## **CLOTHING AND GIFTS FOR FAMILIES**

Agency: CROSS Center Contact: Carole Mersinger Phone: (320) 968-7012

Address: 150 4th Ave., P.O. Box 205, Foley, MN 56329

**Holiday Services Offered**: Giving Tree - Family sponsor program for gifts other than toys **Recipient Eligibility Requirements:** Must live in Benton County (except for those with a St. Cloud or Rice address); Must bring proof of address, such as a current utility bill; Must bring Social Security cards for all family members; May not be receiving gifts from any other program.

Registration: Register by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015

Distribution: People will receive a post card letting them know when their gifts are in and they

can be picked up at the CROSS Center.

## **TOYS FOR CHILDREN**

Agency: CROSS Center Contact: Carole Mersinger Phone: (320) 968-7012

Address: 150 4th Avenue, P.O. Box 205, Foley, MN 56329

Holiday Services Offered: Toy distribution

**Recipient Eligibility Requirements:** 

For ages 0-16; Must live Benton County (<u>except for those with a St. Cloud or Rice address</u>); Must bring proof of address, such as a current utility bill; Must bring Social Security cards for all family members; May not be receiving gifts from any other program.

**Registration**: Registration is open through December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at CROSS Center.

**Distribution:** Distribution is December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church, 306 Northway

Drive, Foley.

**Donations Needed**: Toys for 0 -16 years old; bring to CROSS Center during open hours: 1 - 4 pm or 6 - 8 pm Monday; 10 am - 3 pm Thursday

## Greenfield - See Delano

#### Hanover

## THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

**Agency:** Hanover Area Food Shelf

Contact: Helen M. Skutley Phone: (763) 498-8311

Address: 11024 Church Street NE, P.O. Box 8, Hanover, MN 55341

Holiday Services Offered: Thanksgiving Food Basket

Recipient Eligibility Requirements: Live in Hanover, St. Michael, Albertville, Corcoran or

Loretto

Registration: None

**Distribution:** Every day from Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> -Nov 18<sup>th</sup> 2015 **Donations Needed:** Holiday food and gift items

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## **CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS**

Agency: Hanover Area Food Shelf

Contact: Helen M. Skutley Phone: (763) 498-8311

Address: 11024 Church Street NE, P.O. Box 8, Hanover, MN 55341

Holiday Services Offered: Christmas Food Basket

Recipient Eligibility Requirements: Live in Hanover, St. Michael, Albertville, Corcoran or

Loretto

**Registration:** Call to register by December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**Distribution:** 9 am – 1:00pm December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 by appointment only at the food shelf.

**Donations Needed:** Holiday food and gift items

## Holdingford

## THANKSGIVING FOOD

Agency: Holdingford Area Food Shelf

Contact: Mary Stalberger Phone: (320)746-2637

Address: Box 13 Holdingford MN 56340 Services Offered: Extra food provided

Recipient Eligibility Requirements: Live in Holdingford, St. Anna. Opole, St. Wendel or

Upsala

**Distribution Dates and Times:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 8am-9:30 | Call for more information

**Donations Needed:** Any non-perishable food items or toiletry items

#### **CHRISTMAS FOOD**

Agency: Holdingford Area Food Shelf

Contact: Mary Stalberger Phone: (320) 746-2637

Address: Box 13, Holdingford, MN 56340

Services Offered: Christmas Food

Eligibility Requirements: Anyone receiving food in December

**Distribution:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 8am-9:30am | Call for more information **Donations Needed:** Any non-perishable food items or toiletry items.

#### **GIFTS FOR FAMILIES**

Agency: Holdingford Lioness Club Contact: Irene at (320) 393-2472

Holiday Services Offered: Gifts for Joy

Recipient Eligibility Requirements: Live in the Holdingford area;

18 years old and younger (if a family is really in need, then they can help the whole family,

regardless of age)

**Registration:** Register by calling Irene by November 15<sup>th</sup> 2015

**Distribution:** Gift Certificates for the Holdingford area will be mailed to the families.

**Donations Needed:** Monetary donations

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## Howard Lake - also see Delano

<u>HOLIDAY GIFT DISTRIBUTION – SILENT SANTA</u> (Last updated 2014)

**Agency:** Howard Lake Lions Club **Contact:** Debbie **Phone** (320)543-2596

Holiday service offered: Holiday Gift Distribution – Silent Santa

Recipient Eligibility Requirements: Resident of Howard Lake or Waverly

**Registration:** Applications for Silent Santa may be picked up at Howard Lake City Hall or by calling Debbie at 320-543-2596. Completed applications should be mailed to: Howard Lake

Lions, PO Box 13, Howard Lake, MN 55349 by November 23, 2014

**Distribution:** Distribution is Saturday, December 20, 2014 from 10 am – 12 noon at the

Howard Lake Lions building.

**Donations Needed:** Monetary, toys, games, sports equipment, personal electronics, grooming items and clothing. Collection sites are at Howard Lake City Hall or Citizen State Bank of Waverly. Send monetary gifts to Howard Lake Lions, PO Box 13, Howard Lake, MN 55349

## Independence - See Delano

## **Kimball**

## THANKSGIVING FOOD

Agency: Kimball Area Food Shelf

Contact: Mary Mathies Phone: (320)398-3415

Address: St. Anne's Church, 441 Hazel Avenue East, Kimball 55353

Services Offered: Extra holiday food provided

Recipient Eligibility Requirements: Live in the Kimball Area

Distribution: During regular food shelf hours during the month of November. Food shelf

hours: 9:30 am - 11 am Tuesday and Thursday.

**Donations Needed:** Holiday food items.

## **CHRISTMAS FOOD**

**Agency:** Kimball Area Food Shelf

Contact: Mary Mathies Phone: (320)398-3415

Address: St. Anne's Church, 441 Hazel Avenue East, Kimball 55353

Services Offered: Extra holiday food provided

Recipient Eligibility Requirements: Live in the Kimball Area

**Distribution:** During regular food shelf hours during the month of December. Food shelf

hours: 9:30 am - 11 am Tuesday and Thursday.

**Donations Needed:** Holiday food items.

## **CLOTHING AND TOYS FOR CHILDREN**

Agency: Kimball Area Giving Tree

Contact: Jenny Mayer Phone: 320-282-0377

Address: Kimball Area Giving Tree 18154 Edgehill Rd, Richmond MN 56368

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**Holiday Services Offered:** Kimball Area Giving Tree - Family sponsor program for clothing and toys for children

**Recipient Eligibility Requirements:** Live in the Kimball area school district.

**Registration:** Register by November 21, 2015. Application forms may be picked up at the elementary school, at the Kimball Area Food Shelf or at City Hall.

**Distribution:** Distribution will be the evening of December 21, 2015 at Kimball City Hall at the intersection of Hwy 15 and Hwy 55

**Donation Needs:** Monetary gifts to The Giving Tree are welcome and can be made to: Kimball Area Giving Tree 18154 Edgehill Rd, Richmond MN 56368. Monetary gifts to the Giving Tree project are not part of the food shelf.

## Loretto- See Delano or Hanover

## Maple Lake – also see listing for Annandale

## **CLOTHING AND GIFTS FOR CHILDREN AND ELDERLY**

Contact: Elizabeth Elsenpieter

**Phone:** 763-913-5548

Address: 1646 Eldridge Ave NW, Buffalo, MN 55313

Holiday Services Offered: Clothing and Toys for Children; Clothing and gifts for elderly Recipient Eligibilities Requirements: Must be a resident of Maple Lake and have a current

heating or electric bill to show proof of residency and fill out an application form.

**Registration:** Register by December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015 - applications available at St. Timothy's Church,

or by calling.

**Distribution:** 7-9pm December 11<sup>th</sup> 2015 in the basement of St. Timothy's Church **Donations Needed:** Angel tags to purchase gifts are available at the church.

## Maple Plain - See Delano

## Mayer - See Delano

## Melrose

## **CLOTHING AND GIFTS FOR FAMILIES**

**Agency:** Melrose Project Give a Gift **Contact:** Joann (320) 256-7741

**Phone:** Call (320) 256-7300 (and leave a message to ask for help or to make a donation.)

Address: PO Box 323, Melrose, MN 56352

Holiday Services Offered: Christmas gifts for families, children, elderly

Recipient Eligibility Requirements: Qualify by income guidelines and needs; must live in

Melrose school district). **Registration:** None

**Distribution:** Month of December

Donations Needed: Cash, clothing, gift certificates, and personal care items

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## **Monticello**

## THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

**Agency:** Monticello Food Shelf

Contact: Sandy or Jenny Phone: (763) 295-4031

Address: 215 Cedar Street, Monticello, MN

Holiday Services Offered: Thanksgiving Baskets Recipient Eligibility Requirements: Live in Monticello

Registration: Applications due Monday, November 2, 2015. Pick up applications at food shelf

(Baskets available to the first 200 applicants; limit one per household)

Distribution: 11am-1:00pm November 15th, 2015

Distribution Location: Riverside Church, 20314 County Road 14, Big Lake.

## **CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS**

**Agency:** Monticello Lion's Club **Contact:** Sandy or Jenny **Phone:** 763-295-4031

**Holiday Services Offered:** Christmas Food Baskets **Recipient Eligibility Requirements:** Live in Monticello

Registration: Applications due Monday, December 7, 2015. Pick up applications at food shelf

215 Cedar Street, Monticello, MN

**Distribution:** Distribution will be at Dahlheimer's Distributing Co., 3360 Chelsea Rd. W.,

Monticello on December 12, 2015 only at your assigned time: A-F 10:30; G-L 10:00; M-R 9:30;

S-Z 9:00. Or Call Lion Glen at 612-669-9344

### **TOYS FOR TOTS**

Agency: Community Toys for Tots for Monticello, Becker, Big Lake, Clear Lake and

Clearwater.

**Contact**: Stacy Boone-Vikingson

**Phone**: (763)482-4447

Holiday Services Offered: Toys for Tots for children up to age 17

**Recipient Eligibility Requirements:** Must live in Monticello, Big Lake, Becker, Clearwater or Clear Lake. Applicants must show proof of residency. Only the custodial parent may apply for toys. Applicants must show proof or custody in the form of the child's birth certificate, social security card, medical identification card or court order.

**Registration:** Application available at food shelves and city halls of towns.

**Distribution:** Saturday, December 19, 2015. Letters to notify applicants of location and time of toy pickup will be mailed by December 14, 2015. Do not call about a letter until after

December 16, 2015.

Volunteers: Contact Stacy

**Donations:** Toys and monetary donations

Other information: Questions – call or e-mail communitytoysfortots@gmail.com.

Montrose – See Buffalo or Delano Opole – See Holdingford Otsego – see Elk River

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## **Paynesville**

## THANKSGIVING FOOD

**Agency:** The Paynesville Community Service Center (Food Shelf)

Contact: Allison Janson Phone: (320) 243-4953

**Holiday Services Provided:** Extra holiday food with regular food amounts

Eligibility Requirements: Must fall within income guidelines (such as meeting fuel assistance

or food stamps), live in Stearns County and have picture ID.

**Distribution:** Extra holiday food items along with the regular food amounts will be distributed throughout the month of November at the food shelf during regular hours, Wednesdays and

Thursdays 10am-2pm.

## **CHRISTMAS FOOD**

**Agency:** The Paynesville Community Service Center (Food Shelf)

Contact: Allison Janson Phone: (320) 243-4953

Holiday Services Provided: Extra holiday food with regular food amounts

Eligibility Requirements: Must fall within income guidelines (such as meeting fuel assistance

or food stamps), live in Stearns County and have picture ID.

**Distribution:** Extra holiday food items along with the regular food amounts will be distributed throughout the month of December at the food shelf during regular hours, Wednesdays and

Thursdays 10am-2pm.

## **TOYS FOR CHILDREN**

**Agency:** The Paynesville Community Service Center (Food Shelf)

Contact: Allison Janson Phone: (320) 243-4953

Holiday Services Provided: Toys for Children

Eligibility Requirements: Must fall within income guidelines (such as meeting fuel assistance

or food stamps), live in Stearns County and have picture ID.

**Registration:** Registration is November through December 10th, 2015

Distribution: 10 am - 2 pm December 15, 16, 17, and 18 2015 at the Community Service

Center, 110 Lake Avenue South, Paynesville

Rice – See St. Cloud Richmond – See Cold Spring Rockford – also see Delano Rockville – also see Cold Spring

#### TOYS FOR CHILDREN

Agency: Rockville Lions Club

Contact: Rosie

**Phone:** (320) 252-6473

Address: Rockville Lions, PO Box 406, Rockville, 56369

Holiday Program: Holiday Gift Program for children and families

**Recipient Eligibility Requirements:** 

Connection to the Rockville and/or Pearl Lake area

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**Registration:** Applications available at Rockville City Hall, Rockville Post Office, Granite Community Bank, Granite Edge Café or the entrances of Rockville and Pearl Lake churches. Fill out application and drop in the mail to PO Box 406, Rockville MN 56369 by December 8, 2015.

**Distribution:** Applicants will be notified by letter or phone. Distribution will be on December 15<sup>th</sup> 2015.

**Donation Needs:** Toys and monetary donations. Monetary donations can be written out to the Rockville Lions, PO Box 406, Rockville MN 56369. Accepting toys and donations until December 12<sup>th</sup> 2015.

## Sartell – See St. Cloud, Sauk Rapids and Waite Park Sauk Centre

## **TOYS FOR CHILDREN**

**Agency:** Sauk Centre Food Shelf

Contact: Deb Reynolds Phone: 320-352-5144

Address: Sauk Centre Food Shelf, 523 Sinclair Lewis Ave, Sauk Centre

**Holiday Program:** Tender Loving Christmas

**Recipient Eligibility Requirements:** 

Must be 17 years old or younger and live full time in a home in the Sauk Center school district.

Registration: Applications available at the food shelf. Register by November 12, 2015

Distribution: December 22, 2015 at the fairgrounds; Applicants will be notified when they can

pick up gifts.

Other Information: If you wish to donate, tags for gifts will be available at Minnesota National

Bank, Sauk Centre

**Donation Needs:** All gifts, but especially those for teens.

## CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

Agency: Sauk Centre Food Shelf

Contact: Deb Reynolds Phone: 320-352-5144

**Address**: 523 Sinclair Lewis Ave, Sauk Centre **Services Offered**: Christmas food baskets

Eligibility Requirements: Open to anyone living in Sauk Centre

Registration: Applications available at the food shelf. Register by November 12, 2015

**Distribution**: December 22, 2015 at the fairgrounds; Applicants will be notified when they can

pick up gifts.

**Donations Needed**: Any non-perishable food items or toiletry items.

## Sauk Rapids – also see St. Cloud

#### **CHRISTMAS MEAL**

**Agency:** Living Waters Lutheran Church (LWLC)

Contact: Patti

**Phone**: 320-255-1135

Address: 1911 4th Avenue North, Sauk Rapids, 56379

Holiday Services Offered: Christmas Dinner

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**Date and Time:** December 25, 2015. Gather at 11 am; dinner will be served at 12 noon. **Other Information:** Please call to make reservations (preferred/ not needed) by 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. If in need of transportation to and from meal please call. Available to those in the St Cloud and surrounding area.

**Volunteer and Donation needs:** Volunteers needed to help with set up, serving and clean up. Food and monetary donations needed as well. Drivers needed to provide transportation to and from meal.

## South Haven - See Annandale

St. Anna – See Holdingford

St. Augusta - See St. Cloud

## St. Cloud – also see Sauk Rapids, Waite Park

## Adopt a Family for Christmas Program

**Agency:** Anna Maries Alliance

Contact: Elaine Dix Phone: 320-253-6900 Address: confidential

Holiday Services Offered: Adopt A Family Christmas Program

Recipient Eligibility Requirements: Residents of Anna Marie's Alliance

Registration: upon entry into our shelter

**Distribution:** when program donations are received

THANKSGIVING MEAL

Agency: Overcomers International Fellowship, Inc. Dream Center

Contact: Pastor Michael Laidlaw

**Phone:** (320) 656-1550

**Address:** 529 16<sup>th</sup> Ave N, St. Cloud, MN 56303 **Holiday Services Offered:** Thanksgiving meal **Date and Time:** November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 12 noon

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers needed to help 2-3 hours before meal times with set-up.

**Donations needed**: Food and paper products

## **CHRISTMAS MEAL**

Agency: Overcomers International Fellowship, Inc. Dream Center

**Contact:** Pastor Michael Laidlaw

Phone: (320) 656-1550

Address: 529 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, St. Cloud, MN 56303

**Holiday Services Offered:** Christmas meal and entertainment **Date and Time:** Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 12 noon

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Volunteers needed to help 2-3 hours before meal times with set-up.

**Donations needed**: Food and paper products

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## THANKSGIVING MEAL

Agency: Place of Hope Contact: Pastor Carol/Staff Phone: (320) 203-7881

Address: 511 9th Avenue North, St Cloud, MN 56303

Holiday Services Offered: Meal

Date and Time: November 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015. (Thurs and Fri) Meals served at Noon and 5 pm

## **CHRISTMAS MEAL**

Agency: Boy Scout Troop 20 30th Annual Christmas Dinner

Phone: 320-309-7503

Address: St. Joseph's Church Basement, 113 6th Avenue North, Waite Park, MN

Holiday Services Offered: Christmas meal

Date and Time: December 25, 2015, 11 am - 3 pm

Other Information: Call if someone needs a ride or a meal delivered to them.

## **CLOTHING AND GIFTS FOR FAMILIES**

Agency: Catholic Charities- Caritas Emergency Services

Program Name: Share the Spirit

Contact: Mishon Bulson Phone: (320) 240-3341

Address: 157 Roosevelt Rd., Ste. 200, St Cloud, MN 56301

Holiday Services Offered: Share the Spirit (adopt a family) matches individuals, families or

groups wanting to provide gifts and food to families in need.

Eligibility Requirements: Referred by local human service agencies. Clients may use the

program a maximum of 3 times. Eligibility is not based on county or city of residence.

Registration/Distribution: Call for more information.

## **CLOTHING AND GIFTS FOR FAMILIES AND CHRISTMAS MEAL**

**Agency:** Place of Hope

**Contact:** Pastor Carol Jean Smith

Phone: (320) 203-7881

Address: 511 9th Avenue North, St Cloud, MN 56303

**Holiday Services Offered:** 

- Adopt a Family

**Recipient Eligibility Requirements** is only for residents of sheltering, transitional and permanent housing through Place of Hope

**Donations needed:** Those sponsoring a family need to bring gifts to 511 9th Avenue North, St. Cloud by Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015. For more information email-hope@placeofhopeministries.org to adopt a family/person

- **Kids Hope Shop** with interactive event: Journey to Bethlehem is Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 4 pm - 7 pm and is open to the community

Recipient Eligibility Requirements: Can be referred through agency otherwise open to the public: first come, first served

Registration: -no preregistration required for this night. First come, first served!

-Christmas Eve Meal with Back Pack Give-Away: Christmas Eve worship service, a meal at 5pm and distribution of backpacks filled with personal care items and gifts for those experiencing homelessness.

- Holiday Services Offered: Meal and Backpack

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- On December 24<sup>th</sup> they will have their Christmas Eve program,
  - -Hope for the Homeless starting at 4 pm with a Christmas Eve worship service ---
  - -Meal at 5pm
- -Distribution of backpacks filled with personal care items and gifts for those experiencing homelessness.
- -Christmas day Meals: December 25<sup>th</sup> 2015 meals will be served at noon and 5pm.
- New Years Meal: Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 meals will be served at noon and 5pm.

**Other information:** A complete list of donations for all of their programs is available on their website at <a href="https://www.placeofhopeministries.org">www.placeofhopeministries.org</a>. Volunteers are needed to help set-up, clean-up, shop with children and gift wrapping. Call for more information.

**Donations needed -** Those sponsoring a family need to bring gifts to 511 9th Avenue North, St. Cloud by Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015. For more information email-hope@placeofhopeministries.org to adopt a family/person

#### TOYS FOR CHILDREN

**Agency:** Catholic Charities Emergency Services

Contact: Kathryn Stolpman Phone: (320) 229-4560

Address: 157 Roosevelt Rd, Ste 100, St Cloud 56301

Holiday Services Offered: Toys for Tots Recipient Eligibility Requirements:

Children up to age 16 who would not receive a Christmas gift without the program.

Parent/legal guardian and children must reside in St. Cloud, Sauk Rapids, Sartell, Waite Park, St. Augusta, St. Joseph, Rice, Kimball, Eden Valley or Watkins. Household should elect to use only one holiday program.

**Pre-Registration**: Must Pre-Register IN PERSON between November 2 and December 14. ID for the parent/legal guardian. ID and proof of address will be requested for individuals not previously receiving services from Catholic Charities.

**Pre-Registration Hours:** 9am-6pm Mondays; 9am-7pm Wednesdays; 1pm-4pm Thursdays; 9am-12pm Fridays

**Distribution**: Tuesday December 15, Thursday December 17, & Tuesday December 22, 2015. **Donations Needed**: New toys for children ages birth through 16-years-old, hats, scarves, mittens, games, sports equipment, and books.

## THANKSGIVING MEAL

Agency: Salvation Army Contact: Front Desk Phone: 320-252-4552

Address: 400 Hwy 10 South, St. Cloud MN 56304

Holiday Services Offered: Thanksgiving Meal –November 26th | 11:30-12:45pm

Recipient Eligibility Requirements: open to public

**Donations Needed: Holiday food items** 

## **TOYS/GIFTS FOR CHILDREN**

Agency: The Salvation Army Contact: Front Desk Staff Phone: (320) 252-4552

**Address**: 400 Hwy 10 South, St. Cloud, MN 56304 **Holiday Services Offered**: Toys and Gifts for Children

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Recipient Eligibility Requirements: Low income or emergency needs;

Bring in ID's for all family members; Must live in the service area (Avon, Cold Spring, Collegeville, Holdingford, Kimball, Rice, Richmond, Rockville, Roscoe, St. Stephen, St. Joseph, St. Cloud, Sartell, Sauk Rapids and Waite Park.); Children: newborn -16 years old. **Registration**: November 9, 2015 – December 11, 2015; Recipients will receive a date and time for pick up when they sign up.

Distribution: December 15, 16, & 17 by appointment at the St. Cloud Armory. Walk-in's on

December 23<sup>rd</sup> 9am – 11am and 1pm – 3pm at our office. **Donations Needed**: Money, clothing, toys, and gift cards

## St. Joseph – also see St. Cloud

## THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

**Agency:** St. Joseph Community Food Shelf **Contact:** Ann Scherer or Bernadette Ethen **Phone:** 320-363-4179 or 320-363-7849 **Address:** 25 1<sup>st</sup> ave St. Joseph, MN 56374

Holiday Services Offered: Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Recipient Eligibility Requirements: Preference will be given to the first 60 applicants from

the St. Joseph community.

Registration Deadline: before November 10th, 2015- Pick up applications at St. Joseph Food

Shelf

Distribution: November 18th, 2015 from 9 am - 3 pm at St. Joseph Food Shelf (no phone

calls will be made.)

#### CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

**Agency:** St Joseph Community Food Shelf **Contact:** Ann Scherer or Bernadette Ethen **Phone:** 320-363-4179 or 320-363-7849 **Address:** 25 1<sup>st</sup> ave St. Joseph, MN 56374

Holiday Services Offered: Christmas Food Baskets

Recipient Eligibility Requirements: Preference will be given to the first 60 applicants from

the St. Joseph community.

Registration Deadline: Before December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015- pick up applications at the St. Joseph

food shelf

**Distribution:** December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 9 am – 3 pm at St Joseph Food Shelf.

#### **CLOTHING GIFTS FOR FAMILIES**

**Agency:** Church of St Joseph

Contact: Ann Scherer Phone: 320-363-4179

Address: 25 1st ave St. Joseph, MN 56374

Holiday Services Offered: Clothing and gifts for families

**Registration Requirements:** Residents of St. Joseph area. Children receiving gifts must be under 18 years old, if living at home there is no age limit. Preference will be given to the first 60 applicants from the St. Joseph community.

Registration Deadline: By December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Pick-up applications at the St. Joseph food

shelf

**Distribution:** December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 9 am – 3 pm at St Joseph Food Shelf.

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FARE FOR ALL EXPRESS- St. Joseph

**Agency:** Fare for All

**Contact:** Scott Weatherhead

Phone: 763-450-3880

**Address:** Resurrection Lutheran Church, 610 County Road 2, St. Joseph, MN 56374 **Holiday Service Provided:** Traditional Holiday Meal, intended to feed a family of 8.

Thanksgiving pack will contain a 10-12lb Jennie O Turkey, a Hormel Pork Tenderloin, 1lb of Boneless Skinless Chicken Breasts, 1lb of ground pork, 2 bags of frozen green beans and a Mrs. Smith's Apple Pie. Everyone is welcome and there are no signups. People just come and can pay right there at the site.

Recipient Eligibility Requirements: None- open to everyone

Registration/Distribution: No registration required.

**Thanksgiving:** Show up Monday November 16<sup>th</sup> between 3:30-5:30 and pay there (\$30) **Christmas**: Show up Monday December 14th from 3:30-5:30pm and pay there (\$30)

**Donations Needed: none** 

St Michael- See Hanover

St Wendel – See Holdingford

**Upsala – See Holdingford** 

Waite Park – See St. Cloud and Sauk Rapids

Watertown - See Delano

Watkins - See Eden Valley

Waverly - See Delano or Howard Lake

Zimmerman – also see Elk River

## **GIFTS FOR CHILDREN**

**Agency:** Neighbors Helping Neighbors of Zimmerman (the Zimmerman Fire Department, Zimmerman Public Schools, the Zimmerman/Livonia Chamber of Commerce, Woodland's National Bank, and Uptown Off Sale)

**Contact:** Jenny Manthey

Phone: (763) 241-3505 ext. 2813

Holiday Services Offered: Gifts for children who live in Zimmerman

**Recipient Eligibility Requirements:** Open to families with children birth – 18 years of age who live in the 55398 zip code (need to show proof of residence). Families must be experiencing financial need.

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Registration: Applications can be picked up in the front office at any Zimmerman school or can be found on the school's webpage. Application deadline is November 9, 2015. Completed applications should be dropped off at the Zimmerman Fire Department in the drop box.

**Distribution:** If qualified, a letter will be sent that will include a date, time and location for pickup of items the week of December 14th, 2015.

Donations Needed: Pick up an "angel" at banks and participating businesses in Zimmerman after Monday November 24<sup>th</sup>. It will list age, size, needs, and gender of children you can provide for. There are also toy drop offs at various business locations.

## Sherburne or Wright County – Any Resident Last updated 2014 TOYS FOR CHILDREN

Agency: Salvation Army Toy Shop/Clearinghouse

Phone:

Recipient Eligibility Requirements: Serves Hennepin, Ramsey, Anoka, Dakota, Scott, Carver, Washington, Chisago, Wright and Sherburne Counties. Program is for children birth -14 years of age. Must supply ID for each head of household, ID for each child ages birth – 14 and proof of address.

Registration: Toy registration hotline opens on Monday, November 3, 2014. Register by phone 9 am – 4 pm through December 5, 2014 – which is the last day to register for the Tov Shop program. Hmong and Spanish speaking operators will usually be available. Online registration also available to those with an email address at

www.SalvationArmyNorth.org/toyshop. After December 5<sup>th</sup>, callers will be referred to the Emergency Overflow Toy Shop program, December 23, 2014 from 9 am - 12 pm. The Emergency Overflow Toy Shop program is first-come, first-served until all items have been given out.

Distribution: A Toy Card will be mailed out by mid December with instructions, date, time and location of pick up. Residents of in Sherburne and Wright Counties will pick up toys from Anoka distribution center.

## Stearns County - Any Resident - See Paynesville

## Wright County - Any Resident

## THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

**Agency:** Wright County Community Action (WCCA)

**Contact:** Shirley Legatt

Phone: (320) 963-6500 ext. 227

Address: Family Service Center, 411 Elm Ave, Waverly Holiday Services Offered: Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Registration: Mail applications (along with copy of picture ID and a piece of mail with current address) to the main office to: Attn: Shirley Legatt, PO Box 787, Maple Lake, MN 55358 by November 18, 2015.

**Distribution:** 8 am – 11:30 am November 20, 2015 at WCCA Food Shelf, Family Service

Center, 411 Elm Avenue, Waverly **Donations Needed:** Holiday Foods

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## CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

Agency: Wright County Community Action (WCCA)

**Contact:** Shirley Legatt

Phone: (320) 963-6500 ext. 227

**Address:** Family Service Center, 411 Elm Ave, Waverly **Holiday Services Offered**: Christmas Food Baskets

**Registration:** Call Shirley to receive application or pick up at WCCA Family Services Center in Waverly. Mail applications (along with copy of picture ID and a piece of mail with current address) to the main office to: Attn: Shirley Legatt, PO Box 787, Maple Lake, MN 55358 by December 16, 2015.

Distribution: 8 am - 11:30 am December 18, 2015 at WCCA Food Shelf, Family Service

Center, 411 Elm Avenue, Waverly **Donations Needed:** Holiday Foods

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