



HOLIDAY RESOURCES

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- Food Resources

FALL/WINTER 2020





HOUSING ASSISTANCE

RENTAL AND MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE

- **Find a list of resources for tenants and landlords, plus information on CDC's eviction moratorium**
 - <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-eviction-diversion-initiative-overview#cdc-moratorium->
- **Apply for RAFT or ERMA assistance (funding for rental or mortgage assistance)**
 - To find a regional agency and income limits, contact: 1-800-224-5124 or visit: <https://hedfuel.azurewebsites.net/raa.aspx>
- **Reach out to your local legal aid office for support**
 - For support visit: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/finding-legal-help>
- **Find information/ support from your local Housing Consumer Education Center**
 - For further information visit: <https://www.masshousinginfo.org/>

UTILITY/FUEL ASSISTANCE

- **Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund**
 - Income must fall between 60-80% of Massachusetts median income levels
 - Families may apply by contacting their [local Salvation Army](#).
- **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)**
 - Gross family income must be at or below 60% of Massachusetts median income levels
 - **Applications available between November 1st, 2020 - April 30th, 2021**
 - To find a service provider in your area, visit: <https://hedfuel.azurewebsites.net/>
- Check with your local utility provider to see if there are discount rates, forgiveness programs or other energy assistance programs available



HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE

SUFFOLK COUNTY

The Salvation Army (Greater Boston Area)

(For locations outside of Boston, contact your [local corps office](#))

- **Online Registration form:** <https://massachusetts.salvationarmy.org/MA/BostonHolidayHelp>
- Thanksgiving Turkey Distribution will be: November 21st, 2020
- Christmas Castle will be: December 14th – 17th, 2020

The Salvation Army (Chelsea/East Boston)

Holiday Assistance Thanksgiving and Christmas

- Requirements for registration: ID, proof of address (just for residents of Chelsea, Revere, or Winthrop), and birth certificates of children 0-12 years
- **Registration dates:**
October 27th 5:00PM-7:00PM, November 2nd & 9th 10:00AM-12:00PM, and November 10th 5:00PM-7:00PM.

My Brother's Keeper (Eastern Massachusetts including Boston and Cape Cod. Does not cover Framingham or points west. Does not cover Lowell)

Thanksgiving Assistance

- Families can call beginning Mid-October for help: 508-238-4416

Christmas Assistance Line

- Families can call between September-December: 508-238-2562
(**call for up-to-date days & hours of operation**)

Catholic Charities (Various locations throughout MA)

Contact your local Catholic Charities Program Location for information on holiday assistance
For information on locations and contact information visit: <https://www.ccab.org/locations>

Jewish Family and Children Service (Various locations throughout MA)

Limited resources and are **only available to assist current clients** during this time

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

The Sun Santa Fund (Lowell Area residents)

Working with the Salvation Army and Community Teamwork Inc. to assist area families

The Salvation Army Santa Tree

- Application begins Monday, **October 26th, 2020- they reach capacity**
- The Salvation Army may or may not operate an Angel Tree Program in your area. When applying online, after entering your zip code "If it returns a message that your area is not currently served by this site, contact your local Salvation Army to determine if they have other ways for you to apply."
- Online application: <https://saangeltree.org/index.dpi>

Community Teamwork Inc.

- Applications are available **November 1st, 2020- November 8th, 2020**
- Online Application: <https://bit.ly/3nNgsE4>

Council of Social Concern (Woburn and Winchester)

Thanksgiving Assistance

- Will provide holiday food baskets for Thanksgiving
- **Families should call 781-935-6495 to schedule appointments in November as well as deliveries for those that are elderly or disabled**

Bread of Life (Malden, MA)

- Call: 781-397-0404 or email: info@breadoflifemalden.org for further information.

East End House (Cambridge, MA)

Holiday Assistance

- For residents of Cambridge, please contact 617-876-4444 for more information on how to register for Thanksgiving/Christmas assistance

Natick Service Council (Natick, MA)

- For holiday assistance, contact: 508-655-1791

Project Just Because (Hopkinton residents only)

Keep a family Warm

- Program opens October 15th

Holiday Program/Thanksgiving Program

- Items supplied for Thanksgiving dinner. Visit 109 South St in Hopkinton Monday-Thursday from 9:30am-3:30pm (starting November 2nd)
Contact: 508-435-6511 or email pjboffice@comcast.net for more information



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ESSEX COUNTY

The Community Action, Inc. (CAI) (Amesbury, MA) Amesbury Holiday Program

- For further information contact the organization in November
Contact: 978-373-1971

Leo Inc. (Lynn, MA) Thanksgiving 2020

- Dinner application for Lynn families of 3 or more
- **Applications available from October 20th until capacity (first 1,000 applicants)**
- You can apply by calling Michelle D'Amico or Yailin Victoria at: 781-469-1217 and leaving a voicemail with your name, telephone number and primary language (will receive a callback within 48 hours)

PLYMOUTH COUNTY

Project Guardian Angels (Brockton, MA)

- Starting November 1st – 15th, 2020, sign-up sheets for holiday assistance will be in the lobby of the Brockton Police Department on the counter. (Do not call the department)

Scituate Community Christmas (Scituate, MA) Christmas or General Assistance

- To request help, fill out online form at: <https://scituatecommunitychristmas.org/request-help>
or contact: 781-545-7108

CAPE AND ISLANDS

Community Action Committee of Cape Cod & Islands, Inc. (Cape Cod & Islands) Thanksgiving Turkey "Basket" Program

- **Registration Deadline Nov. 12th, 2020**
- To register call: 508-771-1727

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BRISTOL COUNTY

Citizens for Citizens (Fall River, MA, Taunton, MA)

Operation Christmas

- Eligibility: Custodial parents of children may apply. Must reside in the Greater Fall River and Greater Taunton areas to be eligible
- Online applications: <http://cfcinc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/2020-Operation-Christmas-Application.pdf> due by December 10th, 2020

Greater Attleboro Area Council for Children (Attleboro, MA)

Christmas is for Kids

- Christmas is for Kids accepts applications from parents, guardians, as well as through social workers from the MA Department of Children and Families, Catholic Social Services, the Family Resource Center, Kennedy Donovan Center, Journey Home, the Literacy Center, Young Parents Program, Transitional Living Program, New Hope, the Attleboro Center, Robbins Children's Program, and the Seekonk and Rehoboth Council on Aging's Social Service Departments. Each family is carefully screened to ensure that a real need exists.
- Application available online: <https://www.councilforchildren.org/what-is-christmas-is-for-kids>
- **Due Date for returning parents: November 8th, 2020**
- **Due Date for parents new to the program: November 29th, 2020**

WORCESTER COUNTY

Catholic Charities Worcester County (Worcester, MA)

Thanksgiving baskets and the Christmas Assistance

- The sign-ups are from now **until October 30th, 2020** from 11:30AM-2:30PM for the Thanksgiving baskets and the Christmas Assistance
- Families would need to bring proof of address, and birth certificates for all children in the family for the Christmas registration

Contact: 508-798-0191 for more information

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BERKSHIRE COUNTY

Berkshire Dream Center (Pittsfield, MA)

- Contact the center for information:
413-522-3495
berkshiredreamcenter@gmail.com

NORFOLK COUNTY

Interfaith Social Services (Quincy, MA)

(Serve the following areas: Braintree, Cohasset, Hingham, Holbrook, Hull, Milton, Quincy, Randolph, Scituate or Weymouth)

Holiday Assistance

- The holiday program is **for existing food pantry members** with children ages 12 and under
- For more information on what is needed and how to register for the food pantry, contact: 617-773-6203

Quincy Community Action Programs (Quincy, MA)

Thanksgiving Dinner

- **For existing clients** of the Food Center. For further information on how to register to become a client and necessary documentation needed, contact 617-471-0796

PLYMOUTH COUNTY

East Bridgewater Hugs (East Bridgewater, MA)

- **Apply Online:** https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeDMAMefPXbPpvYVcOCFqt8aUFI8O-njlTUWhowsYH_QPtbgg/viewform
- **Application Deadline: October 31st, 2020**
- For questions or more information, contact: wishes@ebhugs.org

Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless (Kingston, MA)

Children's Holiday Fund

- Program provides: "toys, gifts, and winter clothing, and Holiday Meal Baskets to deserving children in our South Shore communities"
- Deadline: November 1st, 2020
- Families seeking assistance can download the Children's Holiday Fund Assistance Application online or call 781-585-0006

HAMPDEN COUNTY

Salvation Army- Springfield Corps Community Center (Springfield, MA)

- Contact the corps for information regarding holiday assistance at: 413-733-1518



GLOBE SANTA

- **November 6th, 2020 is the deadline** to submit completed and signed Globe Santa Registration Forms and written letters to the Social Work Main office
 - Each family is required to write a letter to Globe Santa briefly explaining why they are seeking assistance.
 - Attach a completed verification form to the front of each letter written by the family



FOOD RESOURCES

FoodSource Hotline

To find food resources in your community:

Call the FoodSource Hotline: 1-800-645-8333 TTY 1-800-377-1292

Hotline Hours: Monday - Friday 8 A.M. - 7 P.M. Saturday 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Website: <http://www.projectbread.org/get-help/foodsource-hotline.html>

Applying for SNAP benefits online

SNAP provides a monthly benefit to buy nutritious foods. To get SNAP, you must be low-income and be a U.S. citizen or legal non-citizen (restrictions apply). Eligibility for SNAP benefits depends on financial and non-financial criteria.

Website: <https://dtaconnect.eohhs.mass.gov/>

FOR GENERAL RESOURCE INFORMATION


MASS 211

For Information or referral services within the state of Massachusetts contact MASS 2-1-1

You can dial 2-1-1 or the toll-free number 1-877-211-6277

Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

You may also visit their website at: <https://mass211.org/>



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Note: This list is not all-inclusive and there may be other resources within the community available for patient and families to access

