

2025 CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS



A listing of holiday programs and meals in Wichita, Kansas

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Applicants may only apply for one of the main programs, Operation Holiday or Salvation Army:

Christmas with Jesus @ His Helping Hands

Starting Monday, Nov. 3, please call **(316) 838-8528** to schedule an appointment for the used toy giveaway in December. Appointments will be scheduled for one of the following dates and are required:

- Saturday, Dec. 13, 9 a.m. – Noon
- Monday, Dec. 15, 9 a.m. – Noon
- Tuesday, Dec. 16, 9 a.m. – Noon

Christmas with The Salvation Army

Applications will be accepted online from Monday, Oct. 13, to Friday, Nov. 14, at saangeltree.org.

- **Only one application per household:**
 - **For households with children 18 and younger living in the home:** You may apply for gifts for your children. Please have 2 gift ideas ready for each child. Each gift should be around \$25. No bikes, clothing or diapers.
 - **For adults 60 & older with no children living in the home:** You will be eligible to apply for a household gift (household gift is not guaranteed and is dependent upon donations received).
- Be prepared to provide proof of income for the entire household and upload IDs and proof of address.
- **Christmas Distribution is Dec. 11-12.** You will receive notification via email and/or texts in early December instructing you of the date, time, and location to pick up your gifts.
- At the distribution center, you **must** bring proof of address, proof of income, and original IDs for everyone in your household to receive your gifts.
- If you cannot complete your application online, please call (316) 425-6123 from Monday, Oct. 13, to Friday, Nov. 14, to complete your application over the phone. Hours for the phone applications are Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – Noon.

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Operation Holiday

Each year **HumanKind Ministries** distributes basic necessities such as food, kids' coats, and blankets to those who need it most through Operation Holiday. Children 14 and under receive toy presents through our partnership with U.S. Marine Corp Reserve Toys for Tots program.

- **Applications will be accepted both online and in person from Nov. 1 – 30: Apply at humankindwichita.org/events/operation-holiday/.** On this website you can also find 7 locations to apply in person. If you do not have access to the internet, call Operation Holiday at (316) 777-6097 for locations to apply in person.
- **Eligibility Guidelines:** Live in Sedgwick County, be age 18 or older (emancipated teens age 17 may apply with documentation), be a member of the applying household (one application per household), meet income eligibility requirements, and must not have applied for another holiday program.
- **Applicants must be able to provide:** proof of identification (photo ID), social security numbers or proof of identification for every member of the family (including children), birth date for all family members, proof of income for all adult members of the household, telephone or message number.
- **Distribution of gifts will be Dec. 15 – 19 (location TBD)**

HOLIDAY MEALS

The Lord's Diner

The Lord's Diner will serve meals for the Christmas Day Dinner on Thursday, Dec. 25. The normal morning meal will be served at 520 N. Broadway, 10 a.m. – Noon, and dinner will be served at both 520 N. Broadway and 2825 S. Hillside, 5:30 – 7 p.m. Guests will have the option to either come in to sit down and enjoy their meal or take it to go.

- To-go meals will also be available through the food trucks at the following locations:
 - Atwater Neighborhood Resource Center, 2755 E. 19th St, 4 – 6 p.m.
 - Evergreen Neighborhood Resource Center, 2700 N. Woodland - near 27th and Arkansas, 4 – 5 p.m.
 - Hilltop Community Center, 1329 S. Terrace, 4 – 6 p.m.
- Additional meals served in partnership with The Lord's Diner:
 - Oaklawn Activity Center from 5 - 6 p.m.
 - Second Light

Please call 266-4966 if you need additional information.

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