CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS FOR 2026

List of festive programs and meals in Wichita, Kansas.

- Please note that applicants **cannot receive assistance from both Operation Holiday and The Salvation Army's Angel Tree program**. Participating agencies use a shared database and regularly check for duplicate registrations to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and reach as many families as possible.
- The information is provided as a community service and does not necessarily constitute an endorsement or approval by United Way of the Plains, 245 N. Water, Wichita, KS 67202.
- This information is updated periodically; call 2-1-1 for the most recent list.

>>Christmas with Jesus @ His Helping Hands

Starting Monday, Nov. 2, please call 316-838-8528 to schedule an appointment for the December drop-off of used toys. Appointments will be scheduled for one of the following dates and are mandatory:

- Saturday, Dec. 12, from 9 a.m. to Noon.
- Monday, Dec. 14, from 9 a.m. to Noon.
- Tuesday, Dec. 15, from 9 a.m. to Noon.

>>Christmas Assistance with the Salvation Army

Applications will be accepted online from October 1st to November 13th.

To complete the application, please visit www.saangeltree.org.

Only one application per household is allowed:

Families with children under 18 can request Christmas gifts for their children. Two gift ideas can be requested for each child under 18 living in the household. Each gift idea must cost approximately $25.

Seniors can also request a household gift (one gift per household). The gift must be valued between $25 and $50.

- To be eligible, applicants must reside in Sedgwick County and meet the program's income requirements. Please have your household income information ready and attach proof of address, identification documents, and proof of income.
- Our Christmas distribution will take place on **December 10th and 11th**. In early December, you will receive an email or text message notification with the date, time, and location to collect your gifts.
- At the distribution center, you will need to present proof of address, proof of income, and the original identity documents of all members of your household to receive your gifts.
- If you are unable to complete your application online, please call 316-263-2769, extension 200.
    - From October 27 to November 5, Tuesdays and Thursdays, between 10 a.m. and Noon.
    - From November 9th to 13th, Monday to Friday, from 10 a.m. and Noon

>>Operation Holiday

Applications will be accepted both online and in person from November 1st to 30th.

Register at www.humankindwichita.org/events/operation-holiday/ On this website, you will also find seven locations where you can apply in person. If you do not have internet access, please call Operation Holiday at 316-777-6097 for information on in-person application locations.

The distribution of gifts will take place from **December 15th to 19th** (location: **HumanKind Warehouse** , **2611 W. MacArthur Rd**.).

Each year, **HumanKind Ministries** distributes essential items such as food, coats, and blankets to children in need through Operation Holiday. Children under 14 receive toys through our partnership with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots program.

Eligibility requirements: Reside in Sedgwick County, be 18 years of age or older (emancipated teens aged 17 may apply with appropriate documentation), be a member of the applicant household (one application per household), meet income requirements, and have not applied for another holiday program.

Applicants must be able to provide: proof of identification (photo ID), social security numbers or proof of identification for each family member (including children), date of birth of all family members, proof of income for all adult household members, phone number or message number.

HOLIDAY MEALS

>>The Lord's Diner

The Lord’s Diner will serve meals for the **Christmas Day** Dinner on December 25. The normal morning meal will be served at 520 N. Broadway from 10 a.m. – Noon, and dinner will be served at both 520 N. Broadway and 2825 S. Hillside from 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. Additionally, meals will be provided by The Lord's Diner at Second Light.

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