

2023 CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS



United Way of the Plains

A listing of holiday programs and meals in Wichita, Kansas

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- Please note - Applicants may only apply for one of the main programs: Operation Holiday or Salvation Army.
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Christmas with Jesus @ His Helping Hands

Registration for new toys: through October 27

His Helping Hands provides gifts for children ages 2 – 14 years. Register for new toys until Oct. 27 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Mon – Fri at 1441 E. 37th St. N. Parents must bring photo ID and proof of address along with either a birth certificate or social security card for each child. All these names will be submitted to Central Christian Church for inclusion on the Tree of Angels. The new toys are to be picked up by the date/time given to the family.

For the used toy give-away in December, please call the HHH office at 316-838-8528 to make an appointment. Three days will be available in December for shopping for used toys.

Christmas with The Salvation Army

Applications will be accepted online from Monday, October 16 – November 15

To complete an application, please go online to www.salvationarmy-wichita.org

No in-person applications will be done this year. Only one application per household:

For households with children 18 and younger select “Angel Tree”. Please have 2 gift ideas ready for each child 18 years of age and younger.

For Senior Adults (age 60+) Households with no children in the home, select “Star of Hope”. You will be eligible for a household gift (receiving a household gift is dependent upon donations received).

- Be prepared to enter income for the entire household.
- At the distribution center, you **must** bring original IDs for everyone in your household to receive your gifts.
- Christmas Distribution is December 14 – 15. You will receive a notification in early December instructing you of the date, time and location to pick up your gifts and food voucher.
- If you cannot complete your application online, please call 316-425-6123 from October 16 through November 15 to complete your application over the phone. Hours for the phone applications are Monday – Friday from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Operation Holiday

Applications will be accepted both online and in-person from November 1 - 30

Apply at www.operationholiday.org 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.

Distribution of gifts will be Dec 12 – 16 at 223 S Main St, Wichita, KS (Former Wichita Public Library).

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.

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.

HOLIDAY MEALS

The Lord's Diner

The Lord's Diner will serve meals for the Christmas Day Dinner on December 25 at both locations, 520 N. Broadway and 2825 S. Hillside, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 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. - *To-Go Meals*
- Evergreen Neighborhood Resource Center, 2700 N. Woodland - near 27th and Arkansas, 4 – 5 p.m. - *To-Go Meals*
- Hilltop Community Center, 1329 S. Terrace, 4 – 6 p.m. - *To-Go Meals*

Please call 266-4966 if you need additional information.

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