

Holiday Resources 2023

Accessible by Charlestown residents and those in the Greater Boston area

Salvation Army

- Thanksgiving Turkey Distribution - **Saturday, November 18, 2023**
***REGISTER FOR THANKSGIVING WITH YOUR LOCAL CORPS BELOW**

Qualifying households of three or more, with at least one child under the age of 16 in their household, are encouraged to register to receive a Thanksgiving dinner.

Register Here: <https://app.pantrysoft.com/login/salvationarmy>

- Christmas Castle - **Monday, December 18, 2023**

Qualifying families with children aged 14 and under are invited to register for a scheduled time to receive a food gift card and gifts for each child in the household.

Christmas Castle Requirements - Your registration will be confirmed once you complete the verification process.

Items needed for verification:

- **Birth Certificate of each child** (in your household)
- **Financial need** (MassHealth Card, WIC, SSI, current pay stub, etc.)
- **Photo ID** (for each adult living in the household)
- **Proof of residence** (current home, gas, cable, utility bill, etc.)

ALL clients **must provide child's birth certificate, proof of residency, photo ID, proof of financial need.*

How to verify your information: Email MASHoliday@use.salvationarmy.org or contact your local Salvation Army Corps.

Questions? MASHoliday@use.salvationarmy.org or please call (339) 502-5885.

Not sure which Salvation Army Corps serves you? To register, **select The Salvation Army Corps that serves your ZIP Code.**

Boston Central Hispanic Corps:

02119, 02120, 02130, 02131, 02132, 02136, 02137

Children's Learning Center:

02122, 02124, 02126, 02133

Boston South End Corps:

02108, 02109, 02111, 02112, 02113, 02114, 02115, 02116, 02117, 02118, 02123, 02130, 02132, 02134, 02135, 02136, 02137, 02163, 02210

Boston Kroc Center:

02121, 02125, 02127

Chelsea/East Boston Corps:

Contact the Corps directly.

My Brother's Keeper - <https://www.mybrotherskeeper.org/christmas/>

- All services are free
- Assistance is provided by delivery only — no pick-ups at our facility.
- Our Christmas Assistance Program serves families all over eastern Massachusetts including Boston and Cape Cod. We do not go to Framingham or points west.
- All requests are processed by phone. We cannot accept e-mail requests or requests made in-person at our facility due to staffing limitations.
- Our Christmas Assistance Line is very busy because we serve families from so many communities.
- We will ask for the names, birthdates, clothing size, and gift ideas for each person in your family living at your home.
- My Brother's Keeper only accepts requests from parents in need. We **do not accept** second-hand requests from family, friends, or advocates. (For example, "I'm calling for a friend who needs help.")
- Gift ideas are suggestions only- we do not guarantee to provide specific gifts.
- My Brother's Keeper cannot give out high-end electronic items like iPods, cell phones, or game systems.
- Gifts are delivered directly to homes sometime between December 1st – 24th. Our volunteers call ahead to schedule delivery appointments. To help with scheduling, our intake staff will always ask for two telephone numbers when processing request.

CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE LINE - Phone: 508-238-2562, available September – December, Call for up-to-date days & hours of operation.

Catholic Charities Boston - <https://www.ccab.org/basic-needs/food-pantries/>

Families unable to afford meals for Thanksgiving or other holidays may receive food packages for their household. Call 617-464-8500 for more information.

JAKES TOY MANIA provides gifts for Boston-area families in need with children 16 and under. You must register in advance, and in person. **The sign up information for Jake's Toy Mania can be found [here](#).**

Self Help – Holiday Assistance Application

Please note that certain income guidelines apply, and submission of an application does not guarantee assistance. This program is supported by generous donations from the community and the [Marine Toys for Tots Program](#)

Toys are provided to eligible families with children ages 10 and under. Assistance through this program is for families in need and is meant to help supplement your Holiday.

Please remember that Self Help Inc. serves the following communities and we are only able to assist families that live in our communities:

Abington, Attleboro, Avon, Bridgewater, Brockton, Canton, Dedham, East Bridgewater, Easton, Foxboro, Franklin, Hanson, Holbrook, Mansfield, Middleboro, Norfolk, North Attleboro, Norton, Norwood, Plainville, Randolph, Raynham, Rockland, Sharon, Stoughton, Walpole, West Bridgewater, Westwood, Whitman, Wrentham

APPLY NOW!

For additional statewide resources, please visit: <https://disabilityinfo.org/fact-sheet-library/financial/holiday-assistance-resources/>.