



Holiday Resources

2026

The holidays can be a difficult time for families, and kinship caregivers can feel an added burden. This guide lists programs to help find holiday gifts, trees, food banks, and more. It includes local resources in Oregon arranged by region, and national resources.

For more help, please call us at 833-201-5557



Oregon Resources by Region

Portland Metro Area (Multnomah, Washington & Clackamas Counties)

- **The Giving Trees:** Delivers free natural 5–6 ft Douglas Fir Christmas trees with stands, lights, and ornaments. Request registration opens on **October 22, 2026**.
 - gtrees.org
- **Sunshine Division:** Delivers holiday meal boxes and provides immediate food relief in Portland. You can request a food box directly on their website.
 - sunshinedivision.org
- **Friendly House Holiday Giving:** Supports children's program families and isolated older adults with gift requests under \$40 and \$25 supermarket gift cards. Contact the Development Department at 503-228-4391.
- **The Salvation Army (Portland Red Shield Corps / N. Williams Ave):** Runs the **Angel Tree Program** and holiday utility/food assistance.

Hood River County

- **Hood River County Christmas Project:** Registration for the 2026 holiday season opens in late October 2026. Contact them at 541-329-0901 or info@hoodrivercountychristmasproject.com. Immediate food help is available via FISH Food Bank.
 - hoodrivercountychristmasproject.com

Salem & Marion-Polk Counties

- **Marion-Polk Salvation Army (Salem Kroc Center):** Offers the Toy & Joy Christmas assistance program, the Red Kettle Campaign, and Amazon Wishlist donations for families.

Yamhill County

- **Hope On The Hill Christmas Gifts Assistance Program:** Provides free toys, gifts for children, families, DHS foster children, and adult recovery homes (located at 700 Northwest Hill Road; phone: 503-472-8476).

Lincoln County

- **Waldport Christmas Baskets:** Provides a holiday food box and toy program (for children age 18 and younger attending local/registered schools). The application deadline is Friday, December 4, 2026 (contact: 541-563-3710).

Eastern Oregon (Pendleton & Hermiston)

- **The Salvation Army & Agape House:** Registration dates for 2026 assistance took place early in October (Hermiston at Agape House on Oct 6; Pendleton at The Salvation Army on Oct 7, requiring IDs, child birth certificates, proof of income, and utility bills).

Southern Oregon Holiday Assistance Programs

→ The Salvation Army (Grants Pass Corps)

- **Services:** Provides the Angel Tree Program for children (ages 0–18), holiday food gift cards, and winter utility/warmth assistance.
- **Service Areas:** Serves specific local zip codes including 97497, 97523, 97526, 97527, 97528, 97531, 97532, 97533, 97534, 97538, 97543, and 97544.
- **Location:** 2543 Redwood Ave, Grants Pass, OR 97527
- **Contact:** Call (541) 955-1017 or visit the Grants Pass Salvation Army.

→ ACCESS (Jackson County)

- **Senior Shoebox Project:** Delivers holiday gift boxes filled with household essentials and small treats to homebound seniors, individuals with disabilities, and older adults in Jackson County.
- **Nomination Deadline:** Submit nominations by December 1, 2026. Deliveries happen the first week of December.
- **Drop-Off Address:** 3630 Aviation Way, Medford, OR 97504
- **Contact:** Call (458) 488-1220 or (541) 779-6691, or check ACCESS Senior Shoebox: accesshelps.org/senior-shoebox

- **Tersa McCormick Center (Jackson County):** Services include a food bank and community clothing closet. tmaonline.org

Major National Programs

- **The Salvation Army:** Offers the Angel Tree Program for children's clothes and toys, plus food and utility assistance through local corps offices. Applications typically open in early-to-mid autumn (September through October).
- **Toys for Tots:** Run by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, providing toy donations to families in need during the holidays.
 - toysfortots.org
- **United Way:** Dial 211 (or visit 211.org) to connect with local community charities, holiday gift tree programs, and food pantries in your specific zip code.

Local and Regional Charities

- **St. Vincent de Paul:** Many local chapters run seasonal gift programs and holiday food box distributions with hams and fresh produce.
- **Local Churches and Food Banks:** Organizations like Catholic Charities, local Lions Clubs, and regional community action agencies often host adopt-a-family or toy-shop programs.

211

How to Contact 211 in Oregon

- Phone: Dial 211 or call toll-free at (866) 698-6155 (or (503) 222-5555)
- Text: Text your ZIP code to 898-211 (Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM)
- Online Search: Browse the database at 211info.org
- Email: help@211info.org
- Mobile App: Download the 211info app via the Apple App Store or Google Play

Core Services Covered

- **211info serves all 36 counties in Oregon and connects residents to verified local programs, including:**
 - Food: Pantries, SNAP/EBT access, farmers markets, and WIC programs
 - Housing & Shelter: Rental assistance, emergency housing, and transitional programs
 - Utility Assistance: Electric, gas, heating fuel, water, and internet/phone

discounts (such as LIHEAP)

- Health & Child Care: Healthcare access, maternal health support, and child care referrals
- Disaster & Emergency Response: Real-time public information and support during severe weather, floods, or wildfires

If you need help finding a specific resource:

- **What type of assistance** you are looking for (housing, food, utilities, help with the holidays, etc.)
- **Which county or city** you are located in in Oregon