LOCAL HOLIDAY RESOURCES: FREE THANKSGIVING MEALS, HOLIDAY FOOD & TOY DRIVES!

The holidays can be a stressful time, but there are local organizations working to make the season a little brighter for our neighbors. ❤️ Whether you're looking for a free holiday meal, food to prepare at home, a toy drive for a child, or a way to give back, here's a roundup of resources in our area.

Please check with each organization for the latest details, eligibility requirements, deadlines, and availability. Some programs are still announcing their 2026 plans!

FREE THANKSGIVING MEALS & FOOD ASSISTANCE

• Stone Soup Café Greenfield: Thanksgiving Day meal, 12–4 PM. Pay-what-you-can; $25 suggested

• Living Waters Church Greenfield: Thanksgiving Day meal, 1–4 PM

• Montague Elks #2521: Typically offers a holiday meal on Thanksgiving Day, around 10 AM–12 PM

• Salvation Army Greenfield: Thanksgiving meal on the Sunday before Thanksgiving

• Athol American Legion / O'Brien: Thanksgiving Day meal at noon. RSVP strongly encouraged through the Athol Council on Aging. Limited meal delivery may be available through North Quabbin Community Coalition.

• Charlemont Federated Church: Thanksgiving Day meal; RSVP required. Call 413-339-4294

• Hilltown Churches Food Pantry, Friendship Hall of the Ashfield Congregational Church. They have a regular distribution on Tuesday, November 24 and may have foods available to help make a traditional Thanksgiving meal.

• Bobby C. Campbell Needy Families Thanksgiving Fundraiser: See his Facebook page for details

NEED INGREDIENTS TO MAKE A HOLIDAY MEAL?

These organizations typically offer free holiday meal ingredients (as of 2025):

• Heartwing Center

• Brick House

• Community Action Pioneer Valley / Family Center

HOLIDAY MEALS, TURKEYS & BAKED GOODS FOR PURCHASE

• UMass Amherst: Thanksgiving meals and sides to go. Ordering opens November 2
https://umassfresh.com/holiday-meals/

• Diemand Farm Millers Falls: Fresh/raw turkeys to cook at home, sides, and pies.
https://thediemandfarm.com/turkeys

• HighBrow Northampton: $26 individual

• Delaney House / Log Cabin Holyoke: Thanksgiving Day buffet on November 26, 2026. $59.95/adult; $20.95/child ages 3–10; children 2 and under free. Reservations: https://www.logcabin-delaney.com/thanksgiving

• Partner's Restaurant Agawam: Family and individual meals, soups, sides, and desserts. Order in person, by phone at 413-786-0975, or online: https://www.partnersrestaurant.com/thanksgiving-2026-ordering

• Sweet Lucy's Bakeshop Bernardston: Typically offers pies, cheesecake, and take-and-bake meals such as pot pies and mac and cheese. https://sweetlucysbakeshop.com/

• Bittersweet Bakery Deerfield: Typically offers pies, cheesecakes, baked goods, and Thanksgiving sides. https://www.facebook.com/bittersweetbakerycafe

• United Church of Bernardston Christmas Bazaar: Saturday, November 21, 9 AM–3 PM. Pies, quick breads, cookies, fudge, peanut brittle, and more goodies to enjoy or freeze for the upcoming holidays!

LOCAL TOY DRIVES & HOLIDAY GIVING PROGRAMS

Looking to donate toys or help a family in need? Here are some programs to check out!

• Giving Back Together Greenfield; local toy drive
https://givingbacktogether3.wixsite.com/givingbacktogether77

• Toys for Tots Western Massachusetts: Families must apply through participating local organizations. Check the website for the 2026 application list as it becomes available. https://westernmass.toysfortots.org/

• Franklin County YMCA Angel Tree: Visit the YMCA in Greenfield to select a gift to donate, or check its website for monetary donations. For assistance receiving a toy, contact the Greenfield Salvation Army.

• Mary Lyon Foundation Holiday Giving Tree: For Mohawk and Hawlemont Regional School District families as well as Rowe families, in partnership with Greenfield Savings Bank and M&T Bank in Shelburne Falls. To purchase gifts for a child visit the banks or email office@marylyonfoundation.org.

• Salvation Army Angel Tree Greenfield & Athol: Contact your local Salvation Army to sign up to receive gifts by December 1. Gift registries and in-person Angel Tree locations will be announced.

• Salvation Army Toy for Joy:
https://easternusa.salvationarmy.org/massachusetts/toy-for-joy#Free-Text-Area-1

• Bernardston Fire Department Toy Drive: Typically held the first Saturday in December (December 5 this year). New toys can be donated at the event. Toys go directly to local service organizations; there is no direct application for assistance. Watch its Facebook page for updates.

• Wonderfund Holiday Gift Drive: Gifts for children involved with Massachusetts DCF. Local office: Holyoke.
https://www.wonderfundma.org/get-involved/holiday-gift-drive

• Amherst Survival Center: Accepting NEW children's books, games, toys, and winter accessories for all ages through December 31. Households with children ages 0–17 in Amherst, Belchertown, Deerfield, Granby, Hadley, Leverett, Pelham, Shutesbury, South Deerfield, Sunderland, Ware, and Whately can shop during their December pantry visit. Call 413-549-3968, ext. 110.

• Springfield United's Toy Drive & Holiday Celebration: More information coming soon. Questions? Email strongyoungmindsinc@gmail.com

• It Takes a Village Toy Drive: To donate toys or request an application, email info@hilltownvillage.org.

• ELMM Elves Adopt-A-Family Winchester, NH: Typically offers an adopt-a-family program. Watch the ELMM Community Center's Facebook page for updates.

Please verify dates, hours, eligibility, and availability directly with each organization, as information may change.