

Holiday Resources



<p style="text-align: center;">Salvation Army 403-410-1158</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to make an appointment • Registration begins in October. Register as soon as possible. • Available for low-income families with children under 14 • No voicemail available, continue calling until you get through 	<p style="text-align: center;">The Magic of Christmas 401 33rd St NE 403-803-1619 www.themagicofchristmas.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be referred by a qualified agency, health professional or support group. (Doctors, teachers, social workers, police officers & nurses) • Self-referrals not accepted • Referral forms must be requested at 403-803-1619 • Referrals must be made between October 15 and December 18
<p style="text-align: center;">Alexandra Centre Society: Christmas Hampers (403) 269-5588</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referrals for program made through community resource centres or family's social worker only • Please have your social worker or service agency contact them by email for a referral form: info@alexandracentresociety.org • Mainly provides food hampers but can include toiletry kits, hats, grocery gift certificates, and wrapping paper • Inglewood, Ramsay, Beltline, Victoria and East Village areas will be served first. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Society of St. Vincent de Paul (403) 250-0319</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 403-250-0319 or your local Catholic Church for more information (multiple locations available across the city) • Food and Christmas hampers available, furniture and household items as available
<p style="text-align: center;">Calgary Food Bank Self-Referral Line (403) 253-2055</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must call ahead and book a hamper before picking up, Christmas hamper counts as one of the 7 allowed • Identification for all household members required • Hampers include Christmas meal items in addition to regular food items 	<p style="text-align: center;">North East Calgary Adopt a Family Society: Christmas Hamper (403) 590-6656</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To register must live in NE Calgary and not have received a hamper in the last 4 years • Families apply through their local resource center or call 403-293-0424 to see if they qualify • No self-referrals accepted • Families must meet the same income criteria the food bank uses

<p style="text-align: center;">Kinette Club of Calgary http://kincalgary.com/adopt-a-family/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas gift hampers for low income families • Families referred through counsellors in recognized social service agencies • Cannot have received a hamper from the same program for the last three years • Deadline for referrals is 5:00pm November 8, 2019 • Hamper must be picked up on December 8, 2019 from the Nutrien Western Event Center, Stampede Park. If arrangements are not made for pick up, hampers may be repurposed for another family in need 	<p style="text-align: center;">Closer to Home Community Services (403) 543 -0555</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must already be receiving services from Closer to Home, and have been referred by a Family Support Worker • Offers food, toys, and clothing • Families submit wish lists • Contact resource centre to see if eligible
<p style="text-align: center;">Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary (403) 717-2693</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be already registered in other Boys and Girls Club programs, and be referred from Adopt a Family program internally; call 403-543-0550 to do this. • Contact the coordinator of specific program they are enrolled in to get an application • Hampers can include gift cards, clothing, school supplies, kitchen items 	<p style="text-align: center;">The Mustard Seed: Holiday Food Hamper (403) 269-1319</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For singles, couples, and families • Provides food hampers • Sign up starting in November, must meet low income bus pass criteria • Food hampers include full fixings for Christmas dinner including meat (turkey, ham, or chicken), cranberry sauce, vegetables, and potatoes
<p style="text-align: center;">Calgary Fire Fighters Toy Association cfdtoyassoc@gmail.com</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited space available, first come first serve until spots are full. • Party is on Dec 15, Deadline for applications is Nov 15 • Christmas toy party for families with children under 12 years old • The Women's Centre can refer to this; also teachers and the Salvation Army. • Email for more information 	
<p>Other options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's schools usually have options for assistance or events, ask the main office • Contact any other agencies or social workers you have worked with in the past year for information on their holiday programs • Contact local community centres which may have holiday programs in their neighbourhood • More programs will become available and begin advertising closer to December 	