

Holiday Assistance Guide

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2013

Thanksgiving meals



Chico

Jesus Center

Thanksgiving Dinner

Wednesday, Nov. 27 12-4pm

Location: 1297 Park Avenue

Contact: 345-2640

Donations of food needed, especially canned goods.

Salvation Army

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, Nov. 28, 12-2pm

Location: 567 East 16th Street

Arrangements can be made for meal delivery to homebound elderly or disabled in Chico area.

Contact: 342-2199

Volunteers needed for food prep, servers and clean-up crew.

Donations of food needed, including turkeys and pies. Drop off at 567 E. 16th Street

The Well Ministry of Rescue

Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, Nov. 28, 12-5pm

All are welcome.

Location: 2612 Esplanade, Chico

Contact: 343-1935

Food donations needed.

Oroville

Oroville Rescue Mission/ Feed the People/ El Medio Fire Department

Thanksgiving Dinner

Wednesday, Nov. 27 11am-3pm

Free Thanksgiving meal hosted by Oroville Rescue Mission, Feed the People, El Medio Fire Department and El Medio Firefighters Association. Volunteers and turkey donations needed.

Location: El Medio Fire Department, 3515 Myers St., Oroville

Contact: 533-9120

Paradise

Magalia Community Church

Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Saturday November 23rd, 11am-3pm

A complete Thanksgiving meal, prepared and served by volunteers from the community. A time of fellowship as well as a time to enjoy a free meal. Volunteers and donations needed.

Location: 13700 Old Skyway, Magalia

Contact: 877-7963

Wed. Friendship Dinner will be served: Nov 20 Soup & Salad, Dec 4 Baked Potato, 5:30PM \$5 each

Salvation Army and Paradise Area Churches

Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 28, 11am-2pm

Also free transportation or meal delivery for homebound elderly or disabled in Paradise area. Please call ahead by noon on Wed, Nov. 27 to arrange for transportation or meal delivery.

Location: Paradise United Methodist Church, 6722 Clark Road

Volunteers needed for kitchen help, servers, clean-up crew, transporting meals.

Donations of food needed—BAKED pies, canned green beans, canned cranberries, black olives, cans of coffee, BAKED dinner rolls; please call for drop-off times.

Contact: 877-5989

Thanksgiving Food Baskets



Chico

Azad's Martial Arts Academy

Thanksgiving Basket Brigade

Food baskets delivered to needy families with school age children in the Chico city limits; must be first time recipient; applicant must be home 5-7pm Nov. 26 to receive basket; please make referrals or apply by Nov. 15 to Azad's.

Donations of monetary help appreciated; \$40 helps a family of 6. Donations are accepted year-round

Volunteers needed to help put baskets together.

Contact: Azad's at 892-2923

Salvation Army

700 Broadway

Applications accepted for Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday assistance. Thanksgiving turkey, Christmas food baskets, Christmas toys/gifts, for families in need.

Sign up- October 28-November 15, Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 9am-12noon at 700 Broadway in downtown Chico.

Applicants must bring the following documents: adults bring a picture ID, children need a document with their birth date (birth certificate, Medi-Cal card, etc.), income verification (pay stubs, public assistance report), proof of address (utility bill).

Service area: Chico, Cohasset, Richvale, Forest Ranch, Durham.

Contact: 342-2199

Oroville

Oroville Rescue Mission

Food boxes distributed Monday, Nov. 25 at El Medio Fire Department.

Must sign up at the Oroville Rescue Mission, Monday - Friday, 1-3pm, to receive receipt for food basket distribution.

Must preregister, registration is open until Nov. 22nd OR when 500 food baskets have been assigned; applicants bring proof of residence in Oroville, proof of income, CA ID and Social Security card or MediCal card for all residents at the address.

Location: Sign ups at 4250 Lincoln Blvd., Oroville

Contact: 533-9120

Paradise

Heart to Hand: Serving low-income working families on the Ridge

Connects low-income working families to food box resources in the Paradise Ridge area.

Thanksgiving Program is partially provided by Feather River Hospital.

Proof of physical address and work income required.

Sign up deadline: Nov 8th

Contact: 877-9446 for information and assessment.

Volunteers needed; also donations of frozen turkeys.

Paradise Seventh-day Adventist Church

Thanksgiving Food Boxes (may not include a turkey)

Deadline: November 23 to sign-up, distribution on November 26.

Location: Paradise Adventist Community Services, 5720 Academy Drive

Contact: 872-9548 to sign up.

St. Thomas More Catholic Church- Table of Plenty

Thanksgiving Baskets with a Turkey OR a Ham and complete dinner.

Distributed: November 26 from 1–3 pm in the Large Hall.

Applications required: Applications in Office lobby M-F: 9am-4pm, Nov. 1- Nov. 14 OR until 100 filled.

Monetary donations and donations of canned non-perishable foods needed (box stuffing, olives, canned corn, canned green beans, canned cranberry sauce, gravy packets); donations can be dropped off in the Church vestibule or Church office.

Location: 767 Elliott Road, Paradise

Contact: 877-4501

Free Christmas Holiday Meals



Chico

Jesus Center

Christmas Dinner and small gifts, December 24, 12-4pm Individuals and families welcome.

Location: 1297 Park Avenue. Donations of food and small gifts needed. Contact: 345-2640

Salvation Army

Community Christmas Dinner

December 25, 12-2pm

Location: 567 East 16th Street

All income levels are welcome; arrangements can be made for meal delivery to homebound elderly or disabled in Chico area.

Donations of pies and volunteer help needed.

Contact: 342-2199

The Well Ministry of Rescue

Free Christmas Dinner

December 25, 12-5pm

All are welcome.

Location: 2612 Esplanade, Chico

Contact: 343-1935

Food donations needed.

Oroville

Oroville Rescue Mission/ Community Action Agency/ El Medio Firefighters Association

Annual Christmas Eve dinner - music, gifts for children, Santa; all are welcome.

Date: December 24, 11am-3pm

Volunteers needed to coordinate pie donations; also need volunteers to wrap Christmas presents.

Donations needed: Santa gifts- new unwrapped gifts for girls and boys (can be dropped off at the El Medio Fire Station or Oroville Rescue Mission); also turkeys, food and monetary donations are needed.

Location: Municipal Building

Contact: 533-9120 or 538-7559 ext. 103

Paradise

St Nicholas' Episcopal Church

Special Holiday Feast

Tuesday, December 17: 12noon-1:30pm, presents for all ages (as long as they last)

Participates through the Salvation Army Gift Program. Location: 5872 Oliver Rd, Paradise

Contact: 877-7006 (No Lunch on Tues., Dec. 24th)

Paradise Alliance Church

Christmas Eve dinner open to all in the community.

Services follow the meal at 5pm and 6:30pm.

Location: 6491 Clark Road

Contact: 877-7069



Christmas Food Baskets



Chico

Salvation Army

700 Broadway

Applications accepted for Christmas holiday assistance. Christmas food baskets, Christmas toys/gifts, for families in need.

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Service area: Chico, Cohasset, Richvale, Forest Ranch, Durham.

Contact: 342-2199

Donations needed of food and toys through Dec 16. Drop off non-perishable foods at 700 Broadway, M-F: 9am-4pm.

Volunteers needed for Red Kettle donation campaign Nov. 25- Dec. 24 and for Adopt A Family donations.

Contact: 518-9647, 342-2199

Oroville

Salvation Army

Christmas holiday assistance for families with children ages 13 and younger.

Sign-ups for Food baskets, Angle Tree and Adopt-a-family start October 21 – November 1st.

Serving Oroville, Bangor, Cherokee, Palermo, Thermalito, Clipper Mills, Berry Creek, Gridley, Butte Valley and Biggs.

Donations needed for Christmas Food baskets: turkeys, hams, stuffing, sweet potatoes, pastry mix, pumpkin, cranberries, and other food staples like tuna and cereal. Food gift cards are also needed. New toys needed for Angel Tree donations, see local retailers for participation.

Drop off donations M-F: 9am-5pm at 1640 Washington Ave.

Location: 1640 Washington Ave.

Contact: 534-7155

Paradise

Paradise Alliance Church

Applications for Christmas food baskets Nov. 18 until 100 applications have been accepted.

Applications required: Call 877-7069 ext. 221 (Cindy G.) or visit office to sign up.

Available from Nov 18th-gone

Location: 6491 Clark Road

Contact: 877-7069

Christmas Food Baskets: non-perishable foods only

Paradise Adventist Church

Christmas Gifts available for children

Given 12/10 and 12/17 during regular Tuesday distribution at Dorcas Center, 8:30–11:30 a.m.

Christmas Decorations

Free, given as available 12/3–12/19

Location: 5720 Academy Drive

Contact: 872-9548 for more information

Salvation Army

Applications for Christmas food and gifts for children 17 and under, Oct. 22- Nov. 14, Tu/Wed/Th 12:30-2:30pm. Required: Picture ID for adults, Social Security cards or other ID for everyone else in household, proof of income, proof of residence in Paradise, Magalia, or Stirling City.

Donations needed: Non-perishable food or new unwrapped toys, and monetary donations needed.

Volunteers: for sign-ups, toy pick-up and sorting. Also need bell ringers for 2 hour shifts.

Location: 5796 Clark Road, #14

Contact: 872-1534

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Christmas Baskets with a Ham and complete dinner AND Gift Store for Children 0–17 years

Applications for Christmas food baskets and gifts for children ages 0-17 for residents of Paradise Ridge area accepted M-F, 9am-4pm, Nov. 26 - Dec. 9 (or until 100 baskets are requested).

Distributed: 12/19 from 1–3 p.m. in the Large Hall

Monetary donations, toys, and donations of canned non-perishable foods needed.

Location: 767 Elliott Road, Paradise

Contact: 877-4501

Christmas Adopt a Family Programs



Chico

Adopt-A-Soldier for Christmas

Accepting donations of comfort items and gifts to send to local service men in combat areas overseas. Also accepting monetary donations to pay for shipping. For a list of items needed contact Becky Eitel at adoptasoldierchico@comcast.net, 343-3260.

Northern Valley Catholic Social Service

Seeking sponsors for Adopt A Family.

Donations: Mail or bring in monetary donation or food gift certificates specified for Adopt a Family program. Also accepting donations of new unwrapped gifts, food baskets, clothing gift cards. Donation drop off M-F 8-5 (closed for lunch 12-1). To sign up as an Adopt a Family sponsor, go to <http://nvcss.org/aaf/adoptHome.aspx> and follow the instructions for Butte County.

Location: 10 Independence Circle Chico, 95973

Contact: Barbara Kurbanick 345-1600 ext2101

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Drop off donations M-F: 9am-5pm

Location: 1640 Washington Ave.

Contact: 534-7155

Paradise

Salvation Army

Applications for Christmas food and gifts for children 17 and under, Oct. 30- Nov. 29, Tu/Wed/Th 12:30-2:30pm. Required: Picture ID for adults, Social Security cards for everyone in household, proof of income, proof of residence in Paradise, Magalia, or Stirling City.

Donations needed: Non-perishable food or new unwrapped toys, and monetary donations needed.

Volunteers: for sign-ups, toy pick-up and sorting. Also need bell ringers for 2 hour shifts.

Location: 5796 Clark Road, #14

Contact: 872-1534



Christmas Angel and Giving Trees



Chico

Butte College Community Giving Tree

Sponsors needed to purchase gifts and clothing for disadvantaged children. Pick a card from the Giving Tree in the Chico Mall, Nov. 15- Dec. 24. Return gifts to the tree by Christmas Eve. Gifts are distributed to families by 12 non-profit organizations.

Volunteers needed as attendants for the tree in the Chico Mall.

Location: Chico Mall, 20th Street

Contact: 897-6236

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6th Street Center for Youth

Giving Tree in the Chico Mall Nov. - Dec. Sponsors needed to purchase “wish list” gifts for homeless teens and young adults at the 6th Street Center.

Contact: 894-8008

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Drop off donations M-F 9am-5pm

Location: 1640 Washington Ave.

Contact: 534-7155

The Father's House Church

Gift of Hope Christmas gifts for children ages 0-16.

Sign-up M-F; 9am-12noon and 1pm-5pm at 2775 Fort Wayne St, kids building

Parents bring ID and proof of relationship to the child(ren).

Deadline for sign-ups Oct 18th.

Sponsors needed to provide toys and gifts.

Location: 2661 Elgin St.

Contact: 534-4140, 282-4541

Paradise

Heart to Hand: Serving Low-income Working Families on the Ridge

Christmas Assistance - Giving Trees for children 0-18

Applications required, apply November 1 to November 12

Proof of physical address and work income.

Contact: 877-9446 for information or an appointment

Salvation Army

Applications for Angel Tree gifts for children 17 and under

October 30- November 29, Tu-Th 12:30pm-2:30pm

Required: Picture ID for adults, Social Security cards for everyone in household, proof of income, proof of residence in Paradise, Magalia, or Stirling City. Also requires gift ideas and clothing sizes for children.

Donations needed: Non-perishable food or new unwrapped toys, and monetary donations needed.

Volunteers: for sign-ups, toy pick-up and sorting. Also need bell ringers for 2 hour shifts.

Location: 5796 Clark Road, #14

Contact: 872-1534

Toy Drives & Events



Butte County

Paradise Elks Lodge

Annual Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, Dec. 7, 9am-12noon

All community children ages 2-10 are welcome to attend. Games, prizes, stockings, refreshments and Santa Claus. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Location: 1100 Elk Lane, Paradise

Contact: 877-3977

Toys for Tots

A Toy Request form can be filled out for children starting Nov 25 at www.toysfortots.org (choose the Butte County location). Donations of new and unwrapped toys are accepted from mid-November through Christmas Eve at Toys for Tots boxes throughout Butte County. Toys distribution through local churches to local charity organizations each year for needy children at Christmas. Volunteers are needed.

Contact: Kathy Lovelace, 897-6236 Email Address: chicotys4tots@gmail.com

Terry Jones Memorial Toy Run

Benefit for children in foster care in Butte County.

Donate new toys on or before Dec. 7 at Calvary Chapel of Paradise, Upper Dogtown Road and Skyway, Magalia (Tues-Fri 10am-4:30pm), or Halls Harley-Davidson & Buell, 1501 Mangrove Ave. Chico. Or at registration for race.

The Toy Run is Dec. 7, departing from downtown Chico City Hall. Registration starts at 9am, departure at 10:30am.

Contact: 873-3114

Kids Carnival and Toy Run (sponsored by Father's House)

Nov 2nd 11-3pm Lords Gym 2120 Bird St. Oroville

\$5 to play all day, fundraiser for Gift of Hope.

Contact: 534-4140 or 282-4541



Holiday Formal Dresses and Accessories

Paradise

Cinderella's Closet

Prom gowns, shoes, jewelry, and accessories are available to teen girls and vouchers for tuxedos for teen boys attending prom, winter ball or other formal events for Paradise or Ridgeview High Schools.

Applications available through school counselors throughout the school year.

Donations accepted for gowns, shoes, jewelry, wraps, purses, hair styling.

Contact: 877-2192

Winter Warmth



Butte County

Chico Fire Department and community Sponsors

Coats for Kids-- Those in need can pick up coats can call 897-3400 for a list of this years pick-up points. Parent must have child present; one coat per child each season. Donations of new or gently used coats for infants and children are being accepted through December at donation boxes at Chico Fire Stations and other locations throughout Chico.

Contact: 897-3400

Jesus Center

Accepting donations of scarves, hats, gloves, socks, jackets, sleeping bags, rain ponchos, umbrellas, towels and blankets for those in need. Provides warm clothing distribution, warm meals, day resource center, and temporary overnight shelter for women and children.

Location: 1297 Park Avenue

Contact: 345-2640

Oroville Rescue Mission

Distribution of coats, blankets, sleeping bags, warm items. Check in daily at 4:30pm, 2pm on Sundays. First time check in can be any time. Oroville Rescue Mission Thrift Store (2130 Bird St., Oroville) also provides \$25 clothing voucher available to select warm items from the store. Bring picture ID to apply; one time per year. Location: 4250 Lincoln Blvd.
Contact: 533-9120

The Well Ministry of Rescue

Accepting donations of clean, useable fall and winter clothing for both men and women who receive shelter and rehabilitation services at The Well.
Location: 2612 Esplanade, Chico
Contact: 343-1935

Community Action Agency Of Butte County Inc.- Utility Payment Assistance

(HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - HEAP) Assistance for low income persons with paying one utility bill per year-- for PG&E, City of Biggs, and City of Gridley utility customers. Assistance with purchasing wood and propane is also available based on program funding levels. Must be a low income qualifying household. Proof of income and a current bill from the utility company is required.
Contact: 712-2600

Salvation Army – Utility Payment Assistance (REACH program)

For PG&E customers-- to assist low-income persons with paying one utility bill every 18 months or with purchasing heating fuel (propane, wood, gas). Requires having received a 15 day or 48 hour shut off notice (except seniors, a person with a permanent disability or terminally ill). Must have verifiable emergency due to financial demands (i.e. car repairs, funeral expense, home repairs, RX costs, etc.). Also requires proof of identification, current income, Social Security cards, rent receipt. Call for telephone interview.
Contact: 342-2199 in Chico; 872-1534 in Paradise; 534-9558 ext 201 in Oroville.

The Hope Center—Oroville

1950 “A” Kitrick Ave , Oroville

Wish list includes new or gently used: coats, jackets, sweaters, sweats, hats, beanies, gloves, thermals, blankets, sleeping bags, boots & scarves. These items are distributed to homeless clients throughout the season at the Hope Center, Tue-Fri 10am-3pm. The Center is closed Thanksgiving, open Christmas day, serving Christmas breakfast 9am-11am and a Christmas movie.
Contact: (530) 538-8398

Salvation Army—Chico, Paradise & Oroville

Accepting donations of coats, jackets, blankets, sleeping bags and other warm items for distribution to those in need.
Contact: 342-2199 in Chico; 872-1534 in Paradise; 534-9558 in Oroville.



6th Street Center for Youth

Year round drop in services and shelter for Chico area teens and young adults. Daily hot meal, basic needs supplies, warm clothes, socks and bedding, laundry facility, showers, counseling and support. Donations needed: Cold weather clothing, hats, socks, shoes; blankets and sleeping bags; personal hygiene items and first aid kits; canned and non-perishable foods.

Location:

Contact: 894-8008

Torres Community Shelter

Year round homeless shelter for Chico residents

Case management, resource coordination accessing social services and benefits, safe and clean Shelter at no cost that covers basic amenities, one way bus tickets to reunite homeless individuals/families with friends/family who can provide stable housing. Donations needed: warm clothing, rain gear, personal bathing/hygiene supplies, twin size sheets and blankets, laundry detergent; also monetary donations accepted. Only clothing and bedding that is brand-new and in package will be accepted. Donation Wish List at www.chicoshelter.org.

Location: 101 Silver Dollar Way, Chico

Contact: info@chicoshelter.org; 530-891-9048.

Temporary Cold Weather Shelters—“Warming Centers”

During extreme cold or freezing, certain buildings in Butte County may be designated as “warming centers” for people without warm shelter. Please call 2-1-1, or check www.helpcentral.org or www.kpay.com for notification and listen to radio, including KPAY1290 AM, and TV for public announcements on temporary shelter locations during the event of extreme cold weather.



Need help making ends meet?

You can call 2-1-1 and get connected to helpful services. Our 2-1-1 specialists are ready to listen and can provide information about programs in Butte County.

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