

# Christmas

<i>Name</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
<b>Be an Elf</b>	Letters from parents and children to Santa requesting help need to be hand-written or typed and mailed (not emailed) between Nov 1 and Dec 12.
<b>Marine Corps Toys for Tots</b>	Marine Corps Toys for Tots provides toys for children 12 and under. Go to their website and click on request or need a toy. Participating nonprofits providing toys will be available Nov 1.
<b>Salvation Army Angel Tree</b>	Salvation Army Angel Tree provides moderate to low-income families with gift BUT you can't be receiving any other type of assistance. Apply now through November, the earlier the better.
<b>Santa's Little Helpers</b>	Sign up NOW! You must have a Reddit account. The How-to is found here.
<b>Santa Claus Girls as well as c/o Grand Rapids Press</b>	Packages are given to kids from birth to 12 years old. There may be both used and new Christmas toys, books, clothing, games, and much more. Address: Walker, MI 49544 Telephone number: (616) 957-7335
<b>USPS Operation Santa</b>	USPS Operation Santa is open to anyone, regardless of income. Write a letter to Santa Clause at 123 Elf Road, Northpole 88888.

<b>Christmas Help</b>			
<i>Name</i>	<i>Contact Information</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Notes</i>
<b>Baxter Community Center</b>	(616) 456-8593	935 Baxter St. SE Grand Rapids, MI 49505	Mostly clothes, but low income or working poor families can get free items at Christmas too. Shoes, small stocking stuffers, winter jacks and other year-round or holiday help.

Catholic Charities West Michigan — God's Kitchen	(616) 454-4110	303 South Division Avenue Grand Rapids, MI 49503	The church has a Christmas Day meal service.
Coopersville Cares	(616) 997-8602	80 North 68th Avenue Coopersville, MI 49404	The charity has Thanksgiving baskets, meals, gift cards and provides Christmas gifts. They only cover the greater Coopersville School District.
Holland Rescue Mission – Men's Ministries Center	(616) 396-2200	166 South River Avenue Holland, Michigan 49423	This is a low-cost Christmas store. The goods (toys, furniture, etc.) are sold at discounted prices to the public.
Love Inc – Hudsonville	(616) 662-3300	3300 Van Buren Street Hudsonville, Michigan 49426	They also run a low-cost holiday/Christmas store.
North Kent Community Services	(616) 866-3478	10075 Northland Drive NE Rockford, MI 49341	Social services, free food or groceries, small gifts and other goods may be offered at Easter, Thanksgiving, or Christmas.
Word Of Faith Christian Center	(616) 827-0060	3030 Eastern Avenue SE Grand Rapids, MI 49508	They have a free food pantry. There may be free groceries for holiday meals, including Easter, Thanksgiving, and/or Christmas as well as year-round help.
United Church Outreach Ministry	(616) 241-4006	1311 Chicago Drive SW Wyoming, MI 49509	There are Christmas toys, clothes, and other items for low-income Kent County families. the main assistance program is a free clothing closet as well as low-cost thrift store.
Salvation Army	1-800-SAL-ARMY	Kent County Salvation Army	There are locations in both counties. There is a food or

		1215 E. Fulton St., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503	grocery card for the family, including seniors or single households as well. This is also combined with financial aid, a low-cost thrift store, toys or free Christmas gifts from Angel tree, and more. Also, free Thanksgiving turkey dinners may be offered to seniors, the working poor, and needy.
United Way			This is mostly a referral service. It covers the entire region, including Kent County and Ottawa. The non-profit can refer the needy to churches, charities, as well as social services for Thanksgiving meals, Christmas help, financial aid and more.

