

Winter Holiday Resource List – 2024

Call 211 for Additional Information

Organization	Details
The Distress Centre <u>24-Hour Crisis Line</u> – text or phone (403) 266 - 4357	24/7 crisis and emotional support service available throughout the holiday season in the Calgary region; ensuring those experiencing challenging situations are not alone.
Magic of Christmas https://www.themagicofchristmas.org/	<u>Christmas Gift Program</u> Requires a referral from a teacher, social worker, police officer, Alberta Health Santa and his elves will deliver gifts to children on Christmas Eve The program is only available every 3 years (if you accessed in 2021, 2022, or 2023 you are not eligible for 2024) Applicants cannot be accessing additional gift programs If you would like to access this gift program, you can speak to a teacher or school staff for assistance applying. <u>The deadline for referrals is December 10, 2024.</u>
Women's Centre (403) 264 - 1155 info@womenscentrecalgary.org https://www.womenscentrecalgary.org/ 39 - 4 Street NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E 3R6	<u>Holiday Toy Program</u> Gifts for women, moms and their children who are not accessing another toy program An appointment must be booked ahead of time, pickup will happen in December Bring ID for yourself and each child <u>Dinner of Hope</u> Register at the Women's Centre or email info@shekinahlivingwordcenter.org
Salvation Army (403) 410 – 1160 #100, 5115 17 Ave SE Calgary, AB T2A 0V8	<u>Christmas Toy Program</u> Registration opens December 2 at 10am and will remain open until all available appointment slots are full. Available to families with financial need, providing them with an opportunity to access a toy for each child in their household aged 0-14 years Christmas Toy Distribution takes place Wednesday December 18 - Saturday December 21 - By Appointment Only

Children's Cottage (403) 830 - 3153 1804 Home Road NW Calgary, Alberta T3B 1H1 <u>24/7 Family Support Line & Connection to Cottage Programs:</u> P: 403-233-CARE (2273) E: intake@childrenscottage.ab.ca	<u>Holiday Open House</u> Enjoy food, music, and crafts on Tuesday, December 17th 12-3pm Must RSVP by December 12th Email: westfrnintake@childrenscottage.ab.ca to RSVP
Miskanawah <i>Programs and Resources for Indigenous people in the Calgary Community</i> <u>Miskanawah East</u> Phone: 403-247-5003 Ext. 1 2335 30 Ave NE, Calgary, Alberta, T2E 7C7 <u>Miskanawah West</u> Phone: 403-247-5003 Ext. 2 2340 1 Ave. NW, Calgary, Alberta, T2N 0B8	<u>Ka-pe-kiwehtahat</u> supports access to safe housing options <u>Nanatawiho Kamik (Healing Lodge)</u> culturally grounded mental health and addiction recovery supports <u>Tawaw Family Resource Networks</u> Drop-in connection and programming offered to families with children and youth aged 0-18 years <u>Regional After-Hours Youth Support (RAYS)</u> helps clients in crisis during evening and weekend hours, providing intervention, one-to-one support, and crisis services Call: 403-247-5003 Ext. 1
Closer to Home (403) 543 - 0555	<u>Holiday Gift & Grocery Support</u> Available to communities north of 16th Ave and West of Deerfoot Trail Will receive a package of gift cards to complete holiday gift or grocery shopping <u>Call (403) 543-0555</u> to speak with an Intake and Assessment Worker
Hope Mission Calgary (403) 474-3237 Located in Forest Lawn	Christmas Dinner – Registration Required Christmas Gifts – Registration Required
The Alex (403) 520-2260 #102 2840 2 Ave SE (Blue Line LRT to Franklin Station) info@thealex.ca	<u>Community Breakfast</u> – Tuesdays 9:30am – 11:30am <u>Community Lunch</u> – Thursdays 11:00am – 1:00pm <u>Indigenous Café</u> – last Thursday of the month 11:00am – 1:00pm <u>Art Drop-In</u> – Wednesdays 1:00pm - 2:30pm <u>Yoga Drop-In</u> – Fridays 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Align Association of Community Services	<u>Online Indigenous Advent Calendar</u> - Songs, crafts, stories and more that the whole family will enjoy. https://alignab.ca/resource/align-indigenous-advent-calendar/
Sunalta Community Association* (SCA) https://www.sunalta.net/ 1627 10 Ave SW, Calgary T3C 0J7 info@sunalta.net	Fall/Winter Clothing Swap – Nov. 30th 11:00am – 2:00pm Soup and Game Night – Dec. 13th 5:30pm – 8:00pm at Scarboro United Church Sober Crew Drumming Circle – Wednesdays 4:00pm – 5:30pm Toy & Game Lending Library – Requires an SCA Membership; If the cost is a barrier and you are unable to volunteer, please email grace@sunalta.net
WINS (Women in Need Society) https://www.winsyyc.ca/wins-supports/community-resource-hubs	<u>Basic Needs Supports</u> – Household items, furniture, clothing, hygiene products, small food hampers, transit ticket assistance, cellular assistance, household essentials. Eligible participants can access referrals and supports at a Community Resource Hub, contact hubs@winsyyc.ca or call (825) 540-4717 <u>to book an appointment</u>
Other Resources & Supports	
Food Hampers & Meals • Calgary Meals on Wheels • Calgary Food Bank • Calgary Inter Faith Food Bank • Dashmesh Culture Centre • Good Food Box Program • Fresh Roots Food Baskets • The Alex Community Food Centre • Society of St.Vincent De Paul	
Shelters & Housing • <u>Inn From The Cold</u> — Call 24-hour helpline at 403 263 8384 Provides emergency shelter, affordable housing, and support services to help families in crisis. • <u>YWCA: Sheriff King Home</u> — CRISIS LINE 403 266 0707 Provide emergency services for women who are fleeing from abuse or need housing support. • <u>Brenda's House</u> — 24/7 Support Line 403 233 2273 Emergency shelter for families who are homeless or facing homelessness. • <u>Calgary Housing Company</u> —	

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Provides safe and affordable housing solutions to citizens of Calgary.

Clothing

- Project Warmth (403) 259-224
Provides free winter clothes, must be referred by an agency
- Salvation Army (Intake Line - 403-220-0432)

How to Help Families in Calgary

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Made by Momma https://madebymomma.org/christmas/ Christmas inquiries can be emailed to Christmas@ madebymomma.org	Santa's Workshop Wishlists https://madebymomma.org/santas-workshop-wishlists/
The Alex	Make a donation Make a tribute gift Events & Fundraisers https://www.thealex.ca/donate/
The Drop-In Centre	https://calgarydropin.ca/coatsforcalgary/
Project Warmth Society https://www.projectwarmth.ca/ Call (403) 259 – 2254 or email admin@projectwarmth.ca for information.	Accepts donations of both new and used warm clothing, outerwear (jackets, coats, gloves, hats, boots), sleeping bags, and blankets year round.
CTV Calgary Toy Mountain Nov. 18 – Dec. 20 https://calgary.ctvnews.ca/toy-mountain	For more information about donating in person, please contact us on our donations line at 403-539-5130 or at donations@fearisnotlove.ca.
The Magic of Christmas https://www.themagicofchristmas.org/	The Magic of Christmas is a 100% volunteer, non- denominational charity based in the city of Calgary.