

# Guide to Holiday Support Programs - 2020

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Various deadlines, see website listed	<p><b>EL PASO COUNTY FREE HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS</b></p> <p>Learn how to apply for Angel Tree, free Christmas Tree Project, Toys for Tots, food and gifts. Each El Paso County non-profit will have their own individual application process as well as eligibility criteria.</p>	Various	<p>Visit <a href="https://www.needhelppayingbills.com/html/el_paso_county_colorado_free_holiday_assistance.html">https://www.needhelppayingbills.com/html/el_paso_county_colorado_free_holiday_assistance.html</a> for more information on how to apply for each program.</p>
Register now - 7 Nov Shopping Dec 7-11 (Appt only)	<p><b>MOUNTAIN POST SANTA'S WORKSHOP</b></p> <p>Provides toys, books and games that parents "shop" and pick out for their children ages 6 months to 12 years. Based on financial need, not rank or income.</p>	5769 Wallace Street, BLDG 1045 (East side of building)	<p>Applications due Nov 7. Applications available at <a href="http://www.mountainpostsantasworkshopco.com">www.mountainpostsantasworkshopco.com</a> Shopping is Dec 7-11 by appointment only Questions - <a href="mailto:coloradoMPSW@gmail.com">coloradoMPSW@gmail.com</a></p>
1 Nov	<p><b>DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES – LEAP PROGRAM</b></p> <p>LEAP (Low-income Energy Assistance Program) is a federally funded program that helps eligible hard-working Colorado families pay a portion of their winter home heating costs.</p>	1-866-HEAT-HELP	<p>Applications available Nov 1 at <a href="https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdhs/leap#Apply">https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdhs/leap#Apply</a></p>
Register now. Pick-up Nov 19: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	<p><b>OPERATION HOMEFRONT HOLIDAY MEALS FOR MILITARY</b></p> <p>Provides gift cards to purchase holiday meals. Open to: Post 9/11 wounded, ill or injured service members of any rank, both currently serving and those no longer serving in the military or E1-E6 Active Duty</p>	TBD	<p>Visit <a href="http://my.operationhomefront.org">my.operationhomefront.org</a> to register now. Call 719-649-0091</p>
Register now – Dec 7	<p><b>SOLDIERS ANGELS ADOPT – A - FAMILY</b></p> <p>Provides gifts for children and a grocery gift card to help purchase holiday dinner and trimmings. Open to families of deployed service members, families of Post 9-11 wounded, ill and injured service members and veterans, and veteran families enrolled in the HUD/VASH program ONLY.</p>	Families selected will be advised of next steps after selection.	<p>Visit <a href="https://soldiersangels.org/programs/family-support/adopt-a-family/">https://soldiersangels.org/programs/family-support/adopt-a-family/</a> to apply.</p>
05 Nov 10:00 a.m. -2 p.m.	<p><b>WARRIOR'S WAREHOUSE ANNUAL COAT GIVEAWAY</b></p> <p>One new or gently used coat, hats, gloves and scarves for each FM. Accepting donations now.</p>	William "Bill" Reed Special Event Center	Self-refer/walk-in

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Meal pick-up begins 16 Nov	<b>CONNECTIONS 4 LIFE</b> Walk through food pantry and select items for a Thanksgiving meal.	6436-U South Highway 85/87 (behind Wendy's) Fountain, CO 80817	Must sign up in person at location listed beginning 5 Nov. Call 719-387-9919 for times.
Meal giveaway Nov 19 3:30 p.m.	<b>MT. CARMEL THANKSGIVING MEAL GIVEAWAY</b>	530 Communication Circle, COS 80905	Eligibility: Active Duty, veteran, or dependent. Call 719-772-7000 for more information or visit the website at <a href="http://www.veteranscenter.org">www.veteranscenter.org</a> .
Apply now - 25 Nov	<b>CHRISTMAS TO GO</b> Each box will contain materials and instructions for 3-4 child friendly craft projects related to the Christmas season.	Pick –up at Soldiers Memorial Chapel on or prior to Nov 29.	Visit the <a href="#">4ID and Fort Carson Religious Support Office</a> Facebook page for form or email <a href="mailto:Heidi.a.mcallister.civ@mail.mil">Heidi.a.mcallister.civ@mail.mil</a>
TBD	<b>CHRISTMAS UNLIMITED HOLIDAY TOY DISTRIBUTION</b> Provides toys for children ages 1-12.	Christmas Unlimited Distribution Center 2204 E Boulder St. Colorado Springs, CO 80909	Applications available at the ACS Center, Bldg 1526 early November. Call 719-955-0742 for other locations.
Meal pick-up begins Dec 14.	<b>CONNECTIONS 4 LIFE</b> Walk through food pantry and select items for a Holiday meal.	6436-U South Highway 85/87 (behind Wendy's) Fountain, CO 80817	Must sign up in person at location listed beginning Dec 3.
Apply now!	<b>CHRISTMAS TREE PROJECT</b> Apply for free fully decorated Christmas trees.	4575 Galley Road Colorado Springs, CO, 80915	Visit <a href="http://www.thechristmastreeproject.org/">http://www.thechristmastreeproject.org/</a> and select 'Request a Tree' to apply.
Dec 19	<b>SANTA BOB CHRISTMAS GIVEAWAY</b> Meal kits and gift cards for each child.	TBD	Visit <a href="https://www.santa-bob.org/events.html">https://www.santa-bob.org/events.html</a> for giveaway updates.
TBD	<b>TREES FOR TROOPS</b> A private organization will donate live trees to DFMWR for distribution to Active Duty Soldiers.	TBD	CSMs provided vouchers to distribute within their units for pick up. More information to follow.
TBD	<b>SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE</b> Various support available.	TBD	Call for 303-295-3366 for more information.
Ongoing support available	<b>HELPING HANDS EL PASO COUNTY COMMUNITY RESOURCES</b> List of helping agencies available in El Paso County.	List available 24/7 at: <a href="https://research.ppld.org/HelpingHands">https://research.ppld.org/HelpingHands</a>	Call 211 from your home phone or 955-0742 from your cell phone for resource referrals within El Paso County.

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