

# Winter & Holiday Resource Guide

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<p><b>Chances for Christmas</b> Kathy Ely 20 Winooski Falls Way, Suite 310 Winooski 802-777-5130</p>	<p>Accepting applications beginning November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please only leave ONE voicemail. Our mailbox only holds 20 messages, so please only leave one allowing others to do the same. We are returning calls in the order in which they were received and in the evenings only. Our number is (802) 777-5130. We will only receive applications stemming from a phone call. We accept applications and will post once our appointments are filled. Once they are, we will still take families on a walk-in basis.</p> <p>In order to receive our gifts:  <b>**You MUST NOT be signed up elsewhere!</b>  <b>**You must provide us with an original social security card for yourself and each of your children.</b>  <b>**You must provide us with a photo ID.</b>  <b>** You must provide a current piece of mail with address.</b></p>
<p><b>Community Bible Church</b> 2025 Williston Road South Burlington 324-1964 or 324-8162</p>	<p><b>Christmas gifts to families</b> with children ages birth to 18. Sign up at the church, Dec 6, 2-4PM. Must not be signed up for other holiday programs. Requires photo identification for the parent, and social security cards or birth certificates for each child.</p>
<p><b>First Congregational Church of Essex:</b> 39 Main St. Essex Junction, VT (802) 878-5745</p>	<p><b>Christmas Giving Tree:</b> Families in the Essex area can sign up to be “adopted” for gifts by congregation members. Gifts are distributed about a week before Christmas. Call 802-878-5745 to sign up.</p>
<p><b>Toy Joy:</b> 115 Main St. Bethany Church Montpelier, VT (802) 497-1890</p>	<p>A one day event where new and "lightly loved" used <b>toys are distributed to help families celebrate Christmas.</b>  Eligibility: Anyone with children ages birth-15 years  Location is at the Bethany Church in Montpelier. No application process, individuals and families just need to be at distribution location on date and time given. Donations of new and used toys welcome. Contact information: Rose Wheeler Stillson.  2017 Toy Distribution will be December 16, 2017 9:00-2:00</p>
<p><b>Winooski Family Center:</b> 32 Mallets Bay Ave O'Brien Community Center Winooski, VT (802) 655-1422</p>	<p>Provides <b>gifts for children</b> and <b>gift certificates for groceries through their Holiday Giving Program.</b> Eligibility: Winooski families only. Service hours: Monday- Friday: 8:00am-2:00pm. Documents required: Proof of Residence. Application: Telephone or walk in.</p>
<p><b>Lund Family Center:</b> 76 Glen Rd. Burlington, VT (802) 448-3617</p>	<p>Kids-A-Part provides information and referral services to caregivers of children of incarcerated parents and support services to children of incarcerated parents. The <b>Holiday Giving Program</b> is available to children of incarcerated parents. There is a holiday party for those without other resources. Eligibility: Children of incarcerated parents and their caregivers. Contact information: Deb at (802) 864-7467</p>

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<p><b>Junior's Pizza:</b> 176 Main St Burlington, VT (802) 862-1234</p>	<p>Junior's offers a <b>free Christmas meal</b> on Christmas day (Dec. 25) from 12:00pm – 3:00pm at their downtown (176 Main St.) location. This event is free and open to the public.</p>
<p><b>Sweetwaters:</b> 120 Church St. Burlington, VT (802) 864-9800</p>	<p><b>Thanksgiving Meal &amp; Coat Drive:</b> Sweetwaters annually hosts a thanksgiving meal from 10:00am – 4:30pm on Thanksgiving day. In conjunction with the meal, Sweetwaters also hosts a coat drive and distributes free coats. This event is free and open to the public.</p>
<p><b>First United Methodist Church</b> 21 Buell St Burlington, VT 802-862-1151 pam@umcburlington.com</p>	<p><b>Soup Supper</b> every Sunday evening from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. <b>Miss Monday Thrift Shop</b> every Monday from 10:00am – 2:00pm <b>Here to Help Clinic</b> 11:00am-2:00pm on the third Saturday of each month. <b>Provides</b> showers, haircuts, hot meals, clothes, and other items for those in need.</p>
<p><b>Hinesburg Community Resource Center</b> 51 Ballards Corners Rd PO Box 444 Hinesburg VT 05461 802 482-4946 kring@hinesburgresource.org</p>	<p><b>Hinesburg Food Shelf</b> – Providing a Food Shelf to feed residents and neighbors of Hinesburg, St. George, Huntington, Monkton, Shelburne and Charlotte. Open Tuesday evenings 5:30pm – 7:30pm and Friday mornings 10:00am-12:00pm</p> <p><b>Medical Equipment Lending</b> – Lending medical equipment to individuals in need</p> <p><b>Emergency Funds</b> – Offering emergency funds for residents in financial crisis</p> <p><b>Twice is Nice</b> is a fabulous thrift shop in the heart of Hinesburg, carrying gently used women's clothing and accessories and small household goods.</p> <p><b>Hinesburg Rides</b> – Providing transportation solutions for the needs of the community. More info at <a href="http://HinesburgRides.org">HinesburgRides.org</a></p>
<p><b>Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf:</b> 228 North Winooski Ave Burlington, VT (802) 658-7939</p>	<p><b>The CEFS food shelf:</b> open from 9:00am to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. Offers a five-day supply of food once per month, but you can go every day for bread and vegetables. Those who are homeless can go once per week for a 5 day supply of food.</p> <p><b>Free Breakfast:</b> Monday through Friday from 6:30am to 9:30am Sunday morning from 8:30am to 11:00am. Also offers sandwiches to go.</p> <p><b>Provides Turkeys for Thanksgiving</b></p>

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<p><b>Milton Family Community Center:</b> 23 Villemaire Ln. Milton, VT (802) 893-1457</p>	<p><b>Emergency Food Shelf</b> The MFCC Emergency Food Shelf provides basic food assistance for families in need. It is available to families in need year-round with supplies being dependent on community donations and local food banks. The MFCC Emergency Food Shelf is available weekdays from 8am-5pm. Phone calls are preferred in advance; 893-1457</p> <p>This program includes <b>holiday food basket</b> with ingredients for complete holiday meals and <b>holiday gifts</b> for children and teens, including winter clothing or boots and toys for the children. Eligibility: Low-income families with children and/or teens; adults age 60 and older; and adults with disabilities who are Milton residents. The holiday food basket is for both Thanksgiving and Christmas - the two programs are combined and will be distributed on the same day. Service hours: Monday-Friday: 8:00am-5:00pm for application sign up. Documents required: Proof of income.</p>
<p><b>Richmond Food Shelf and Thrift Store</b> 58 Bridge Street Richmond, VT richmondfoodshelfvt@gmavt.net (802)-578-4283</p>	<p>The Richmond Food Shelf and Thrift Store serves the communities of Bolton, Huntington, Jonesville, and Richmond. Residents of these towns may use the food shelf two times per month. We are also able to serve Williston residents one time per month.</p> <p>Provides food, sells affordable clothing, gives holiday meals, and other aid. Must bring proof of residency and complete registration to be eligible.</p>
<p><b>Salvation Army:</b> 64 Main St, Burlington, VT (802) 864-6991</p>	<p><b>Friendly Kitchen:</b> Free Dinner, meals are free and open to all. Offered Monday - Saturday at 5:00-6:00pm.</p> <p><b>Food Pantry:</b> The Food Pantry is open for walk in service Monday thru Friday, 9:00am to 2:00pm. For an appointment please contact Lieutenant Dominic Nicoll by calling (802) 864-6991</p> <p><b>Direct Emergency Assistance:</b> Social Service office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m.- 12 noon. Call for an appointment if unable to come at these times. Each situation is different and dealt with on a personal level.</p> <p><b>Angel Tag Program:</b> Provides toys and clothes for families at Christmas. Apply via phone November 2-November 24. Requires proof of income (EBT card is sufficient), proof of expenses, proof of residence, and SS of each family member. Phone number: 864-6991</p>
<p><b>Shelburne Food Shelf:</b> 5420 Shelburne Rd. Ground Floor, Town Offices Building Shelburne, VT (802) 622-3313</p>	<p>The <b>emergency food shelf</b> located at the Town Center. Open second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 9-11 am; second and fourth Thursday of each month, 5-7 pm. They also have limited funds for entertaining requests for financial assistance when families are facing emergencies, such as utility bills, car repairs and the like.</p> <p>The <b>Thanksgiving and Christmas program</b> provides turkeys and hams for holiday dinners. Turkeys available for pickup November 16 and hams available for pickup December 14.</p>

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<p><b>Sarah Holbrook Center:</b> 66 North Ave Burlington, VT (802) 862-6342</p>	<p><b>Food Shelf:</b> Call (802) 862-6342 to schedule an appointment; you can use the food shelf once a month for a three day supply of groceries.</p>
<p><b>Winooski United Methodist Church</b> 24 West Allen Street Winooski 655-7371</p>	<p><b>Food Shelf</b> Third Saturday of the month: 10:00am-11:30am</p>
<p><b>City Market/Onion River Co-op</b> 82 S. Winooski Ave Burlington, VT 05401 802-861-9700</p>	<p>This year marks the 20th Annual COTS Tree Sale through City Market/Onion River Co-op. Sales will start on Wednesday, November 29 and continue until all the trees are sold (usually a week or less). Christmas trees in the past have been around \$30 a piece, which is a low cost compared to most.</p>
<p><b>Joint Urban Ministry Project (JUMP):</b> First Congregational Church 38 S. Winooski Ave Burlington, VT (802) 862-4501</p>	<p>JUMP offers drop-in emergency assistance, open weekday mornings. Direct assistance includes necessities like: food, medication, bus passes, toiletries, baby items, cleaning supplies, assistance to obtain birth certificates and IDs, and <b>utility assistance</b> (as available). Drop-ins Tuesday – Friday morning; doors open at 9:00am.</p>
<p><b>Joseph's House:</b> 113 Elmwood Ave Burlington, VT (802) 951-4290</p>	<p>Joseph's House assists individuals and families with a variety of needs in emergency situations, including <b>utility disconnects</b>, back rent, eviction notices, security deposits, bus passes, Photo IDs, baby items, and laundry and food vouchers. Call to schedule an appointment during office hours: 10:00am-12:00pm Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.</p>
<p><b>Department of Children &amp; Families:</b> 119 Pearl Street Burlington, VT 1-800-479-6151</p>	<p>Seasonal Fuel Assistance (also known as Home Heating Assistance) can help pay part of your home heating bills. This program is based on income eligibility. Apply in person at the District Office, or online at <a href="https://mybenefits.ahs.state.vt.us">https://mybenefits.ahs.state.vt.us</a>.</p>
<p><b>Chittenden Community Action, Crisis Fuel Assistance</b> 655 South Champlain St, Burlington 802-863-6248</p>	<p>Can help avoid running out of fuel. Some home owners may qualify for furnace replacement. Based on income eligibility. Can apply the last Monday in November to the last Friday in April. During business hours (Monday – Friday 8:30-4:00), apply in person at Community Action. After hours, call Benefits Center at 1-800-479-6151</p>