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Free Thanksgiving Holiday Meals



Chico

Jesus Center

Thanksgiving Dinner

Wednesday, Nov. 23 1-3:30pm

Location: 1297 Park Avenue

Contact: 345-2640

Donations of food needed, especially canned goods.

Salvation Army

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday Nov. 24, 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—ask for Flo.

Donations of food needed, including turkeys and pies. Drop off at 567 E. 16th St., M-F 9am-4pm.

The Well Ministry of Rescue

Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, Nov. 24 1-5pm

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. 23, 12pm-3pm

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

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

Contact: 533-9120

Volunteers and turkey donations needed.

Free Thanksgiving Holiday Meals (cont.)

Paradise

Magalia Community Church

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Saturday, Nov 19, 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

Salvation Army and Paradise Area Churches

Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 24, 11am-2pm

Location: Paradise United Methodist Church, 6722 Clark Road

(Also free transportation or meal delivery for homebound elderly or disabled in Paradise area. Please call ahead by noon on Wed, Nov. 23 to arrange for transportation or meal delivery.)

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; drop off at the church M-F, 9am-4pm.

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. 22 to receive basket; please make referrals or apply by Nov. 21 to Azad's.

Donations of monetary help appreciated; \$40 helps a family of 6. Donate by Nov. 21.

Volunteers needed to assist with food basket delivery.

Contact: Azad's at 892-2923

Oroville

Oroville Rescue Mission

4250 Lincoln Blvd.

Food boxes distributed Monday, Nov. 21 at El Medio Fire Department. Must sign up at the Oroville Rescue Mission, Mon/Tues/Wed, 1-3pm, to receive receipt for food basket distribution. Must pre-register; applicants bring proof of residence in Oroville, proof of income, and CA ID for all residents at the address.

Location: Sign ups at 4250 Lincoln Blvd., Oroville

Contact: 533-9120

Volunteers needed; also donations of frozen turkeys.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets (continued)

Paradise

Paradise Ridge Family Resource Center

Thanksgiving Food Baskets for individuals and families in Paradise, Magalia, and Stirling City only. Applications required. Call to sign up. Contact: 872-3896

Paradise Seventh-day Adventist Church

Food bags (without turkeys) distributed Tuesday, Nov. 22, 8:30am-11:30am. No application required. Location: Paradise Adventist Dorcas Center, 5720 Academy
Contact: 877-4454

St. Thomas More Catholic Church- Table of Plenty

767 Elliott Road, Paradise

Applications for Thanksgiving food baskets for residents of Paradise Ridge area accepted M-F, 9am-4pm, Oct. 27- Nov. 10, Church Hall Lobby.

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.

Contact: 877-4501

Free Christmas Holiday Meals



Chico

Jesus Center

Christmas Dinner and small gifts

Dec. 24, 1-3:30pm

Individuals and families welcome

Location: 1297 Park Avenue

Donations of food needed; 518-2183, kitchen manager

Contact: 345-2640

Salvation Army

Community Christmas Dinner

Dec. 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. Drop off at 567 E. 16th St. M-F 9am-4pm.

Contact: 342-2199

The Well Ministry of Rescue

Free Christmas Dinner

Dec. 25, 1-5pm

All are welcome.

Location: 2612 Esplanade, Chico

Contact: 343-1935

Food donations needed.

Free Christmas Holiday Meals (continued)

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, 1-4pm

Location: Municipal Auditorium, 1200 Myers St, Oroville (at Montgomery St. in downtown Oroville)

Contact: 538-7559 ext 103 or 533-9120

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.

Paradise

Paradise Alliance Church

Christmas Eve Family Dinner

Dec. 24, 5pm

Location: 6491 Clark Road (next to the post office)

Contact: 877.8347, 877-7069

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS



Chico

Salvation Army

567 E.16th Street (& Laurel)

Applications for Christmas Food Basket, Angel Tree, Adopt a Family – Oct. 31-Nov. 23, M-F: 10am-3pm also on Nov. 7 and 21, 6-8 pm, to accommodate working families. Service area: Chico, Cohasset, Richvale, Forest Ranch, Durham.

Required for application: Show proof of address, income verification, and I.D.s for everyone in home.

Contact: 342-2199

Food donation drive Nov. 1-Dec. 9. Drop off non-perishable foods at 567 E. 16th St. M-F: 9am-4pm.

Volunteers needed for Red Kettle donation campaign Nov. 18- Dec. 24 and for Adopt A Family donations (contact 342-2199).

Oroville

Salvation Army

1640 Washington Ave.

Christmas holiday assistance for families with children ages 15 and younger. Sign up for Food Baskets, Angel Tree, and Adopt-A-Family programs, Oct 31-Nov. 10, Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri: 9am-12noon and 1-3pm, and on Thurs 1-3pm and 5-7pm. Bring a picture ID for all adults in the household, Social Security card for all people in the household, proof of income, proof of address, an active phone number. Also bring a list of suggested gift items and clothing items with sizes needed. 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.

Contact: 534-9558 ext. 1

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS (continued)

Paradise

Paradise Alliance Church

Applications for Christmas food baskets Nov. 1- Nov. 15.
Contact: 877-7069

Paradise Seventh-day Adventist Church

Christmas Food Baskets and gifts for children. Given out on Tuesdays, 8:30am-11:30am, through Dec. 20.
Free Christmas Decorations given out Dec. 4 – Dec. 20. Call for more information.
Contact: 872-9548

Salvation Army

5796 Clark Road, #14

Applications for Christmas food and gifts for children 17 and under, Nov. 1- Dec. 10, 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.
Contact: 872-1534

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

767 Elliott Road, Paradise

Applications for Christmas food baskets and gifts for children ages 0-17 for residents of Paradise Ridge area accepted M-F, 9am-4pm, Nov. 28 - Dec. 9 (or until 100 baskets are requested).
Monetary donations, toys, and donations of canned non-perishable foods needed.
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

10 Independence Circle Chico, 95973

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.
Contact: Katie Nichols, 345-1600 ext2120

Christmas Adopt a Family Programs (continued)

Chico

Salvation Army

567 E.16th Street (& Laurel)

Applications for Christmas Food Basket, Angel Tree, Adopt a Family – Oct 31-Nov. 23, M-F: 10am-3pm also on Nov. 7 and 21, 6-8 pm, to accommodate working families. Service area: Chico, Cohasset, Richvale, Forest Ranch, Durham. Required for application: Show proof of address, income verification, and I.D.s for everyone in home.

Food donation drive Nov. 1-Dec. 9. Drop off non-perishable foods at 567 E. 16th St. M-F: 9am-4pm.

Volunteers needed for Red Kettle donation campaign Nov. 18- Dec. 24 and for Adopt A Family donations. Contact: 342-2199

Oroville

Salvation Army

1640 Washington Ave.

Christmas holiday assistance for families with children ages 15 and younger. Sign up for Food Baskets, Angel Tree, and Adopt-A-Family programs, Oct 31-Nov. 10, Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri: 9am-12noon and 1-3pm, and on Thurs 1-3pm and 5-7pm. Bring a picture ID for all adults in the household, Social Security card for all people in the household, proof of income, proof of address, an active phone number. Also bring a list of suggested gift items and clothing items with sizes needed. 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.

Contact: 534-9558 ext. 1

Paradise

Salvation Army

5796 Clark Road, #14

Applications for Christmas food and gifts for children 17 and under, Nov. 1- Dec. 10, 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.

Contact: 872-1534

Christmas Angel and Giving Trees



Chico

Butte College Community Giving Tree

Chico Mall, 20th Street

Sponsors needed to purchase gifts and clothing for disadvantaged children. Pick a card from the Giving Tree in the Chico Mall, Nov. 18- 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.

Contact: 514-8433, 897-6235

Christmas Angel and Giving Trees (continued)

Chico

Salvation Army

567 E.16th Street (& Laurel)

Applications for Christmas Food Basket, Angel Tree, Adopt a Family – Oct 31-Nov. 23, M-F: 10am-3pm also on Nov. 7 and 21, 6-8 pm, to accommodate working families. Service area: Chico, Cohasset, Richvale, Forest Ranch, Durham.

Required for application: Show proof of address, income verification, and I.D.s for everyone in home.

Contact: 342-2199

Food donation drive Nov. 1-Dec. 9. Drop off non-perishable foods at 567 E. 16th St. M-F: 9am-4pm.

Volunteers needed for Red Kettle donation campaign Nov. 18- Dec. 24 and for Adopt A Family donations (contact 342-219).

6th Street Drop In Center

Giving Tree in the Chico Mall Nov.18- Dec.25. Sponsors needed to purchase “wish list” gifts for homeless teens and young adults.

Contact: 894-8008

Oroville

Salvation Army

1640 Washington Ave.

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Donations of new unwrapped toys needed for Angel trees (ages 15 and under), and sponsors to Adopt a Family. Drop off donations M-F 9am-5pm at 1640 Washington Ave.

Contact: 534-9558 ext 1

The Father's House Church

2661 Elgin St.

Gift of Hope for children ages 0-14. Sign ups at the main office, 2661 Elgin St., M-F 9am-12pm and 1pm-5pm. Parents bring ID and proof of relationship to the child(ren).

Sponsors needed to provide toys and gifts.

Contact: 534-4140

Paradise

Salvation Army

5796 Clark Road, #14

Applications for Christmas food and gifts for children 17 and under, Nov. 1- Dec. 10, 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.

Contact: 872-1534

Toy Drives & Events



Butte County

Paradise Elks Lodge

Annual Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, Dec. 3, 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

Salvation Army—Stuff the Bus Toy Drive

Dec. 2, 6am-5pm, at Rabobank, 900 Mangrove @ Mangrove Plaza.

Donate new unwrapped stuffed toys for children in need.

www.tsachico.org – see listings of other locations for donating toys throughout the season.

Toys for Tots

A Toy Request form can be filled out starting Nov 14 at www.toysfortots.org (choose the Butte County location). Donations of new and unwrapped toys are accepted from early November through Christmas Eve at Toys for Tots boxes throughout Butte County. Money donations can be made to Toys for Tots at www.toysfortots.org. Toys distribution through local churches to local charity organizations each year for needy children at Christmas. Volunteers are needed. Contact: Kathy Lovelace, 897-6235

Terry Jones Memorial Toy Run

Benefit for children in foster care in Butte County.

Donate new toys on or before Dec. 4 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.

The Toy Run is Dec. 3, departing from downtown Chico City Hall. Registration starts at 9am, departure at 10:30am.

Contact: 873-3114 or 873-2141

Holiday Formal Dresses and Accessories



Chico

6th Street Drop In Center

Prom Project—One day giveaway of free clothing and accessories for high school prom. Accepting donations of formal wear including dresses, shoes, accessories and men's slacks, jackets, suits, etc. Also new makeup, hair products, etc.

Contact: 894-8008

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, The Blaze 103.5, Walmart, Jesus Center

Coats for Kids-- Those in need can pick up coats at: Chico Walmart, Nov. 19 and Dec. 10, 10am-2pm; at the Jesus Center, 1297 Park Ave., Dec. 1, 2-4pm; at the Salvation Army Church, 567 E. Laurel St., Dec. 14, 2-4pm. 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. For a complete list of donation locations, visit www.1035theblaze.com.

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. Also providing warm meals and temporary overnight shelter for women and children.

Location: 1297 Park Avenue

Contact: 345-2640

Oroville Rescue Mission

4250 Lincoln Blvd.

Distribution of coats, blankets, sleeping bags, warm items. Check in daily at 4:30pm.

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.

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: 538-7534 ext. 3

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 in Oroville.

Winter Warmth (continued)

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 will be distributed at the Community Christmas Dinner as well as to homeless/needy clients throughout the winter season.

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 Drop In Center

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. Overnight shelter at Coleen’s House. Donations needed: Cold weather clothing, hats, socks, shoes; blankets and sleeping bags; personal hygiene items and first aid kits; canned and non-perishable foods.

Contact: 894-8008

Torres Community Shelter

101 Silver Dollar Way, Chico

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. Donation details at

www.chicoshelter.org. 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 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.

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