

# **Holiday Assistance Guide**

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2016

# **Thanksgiving meals**



# Chico

#### **Jesus Center**

Thanksgiving Dinner

Wednesday, Nov. 23 12-3pm Location: 1297 Park Avenue

Contact: 345-2640

Donations of food needed, especially canned goods.

### **Salvation Army**

Community Thanksgiving Dinner Thursday, Nov. 24, 11-2pm

Location: 567 East 16th St., Chico

Arrangements can be made for meal delivery to homebound elderly or disabled in Chico area.

Contact: 530-776-1009

Volunteers needed for food prep, servers and clean-up crew.

Donations of food needed, including turkeys and pies. Drop off at 567 E. 16<sup>th</sup> Street

### **Chico Rescue Mission**

**Thanksgiving Dinner** 

Thursday, Nov. 24, 12-5pm

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 11am-3pm

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

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

Contact: 530-533-9120

# **Paradise**

# **Magalia Community Church**

27<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Saturday November 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 are needed. Location: 13700 Old Skyway, Magalia

Contact: 530-877-7963

#### St Nicholas' Episcopal Church

Thanksgiving Lunch

Tuesday, Nov. 22 from 12noon to 1:30pm

Location: 5872 Oliver Rd., Paradise

Contact: 530-877-7006

#### **Paradise Area Churches**

Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 24, 11am-2pm

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.

Location: Paradise United Methodist Church, 6722 Clark Road

Volunteers needed for kitchen help, servers, clean-up crew, transporting meals.

Donations of food needed; please call for drop-off times. Call 530-873-0794 for volunteer and donation information.

Contact: 530-877-5989

# **Thanksgiving Food Baskets**

# Chico

#### **Azad's Martial Arts Center**

#### **Thanksgiving Basket Brigade**

Food baskets are delivered to families of school age children in need within the Chico city

limits; must be first time recipient. Baskets will be delivered to homes of confirmed recipients on Tuesday, November 22nd, 2016 from 5pm-8pm. Please make referrals or apply by Friday Nov. 11th, 2016 to Azad's. Completing an application does not guarantee that you will receive a basket.

Location: 313 Walnut St. #150, Chico

Monetary donations are greatly appreciated; \$40 helps a family of six. Donations are accepted year-round. Volunteers

are needed to help assemble and deliver baskets.

Contact: Mr. Reitz at Azad's, 530-892-2923

# **Oroville**

#### **Oroville Rescue Mission**

Food boxes distributed prior to Thanksgiving at El Medio Fire Department.

Must sign up at the Oroville Rescue Mission Thrift Shop. Sign-ups begin Oct. 3 and are Tue-Fri: 1pm-3pm. Applicants bring proof of residence in Oroville, proof of income, CA ID and Social Security card or Medi-Cal card for all residents at the address. Food baskets will be distributed on Nov. 21 at El Medio Fire Department 3515 Myers St., Oroville

Location: Sign ups at 2130 Bird Street, Oroville

Contact: 533-9120

## **Paradise**

#### St. Thomas More Catholic Church-Table of Plenty

Thanksgiving Baskets with a Turkey OR a Ham and complete dinner.

Distributed: November 22 from 1–3 pm in the Large Hall.

Applications required: Applications in Office lobby M-F: 9am-4pm Oct. 31-Nov 4 or until 100 applications are filled. 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. Location: 767 Elliott Road, Paradise

Contact: 877-4501

# **Free Christmas Holiday Meals**



# Chico

Jesus Center/Salvation Army community Christmas meal

Details to be announced soon.



#### **Chico Rescue Mission**

Free Christmas Dinner Sunday, Dec. 25, 12-5pm

All are welcome.

Location: 2612 Esplanade, Chico

Contact: 343-1935
Food donations needed.

# **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, 11am-3pm

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.

Location: Southside Community Center

# **Paradise**

# St Nicholas' Episcopal Church

**Special Holiday Feast** 

Tuesday, Dec. 20 from 12noon to 1:30pm, presents for all ages (as long as they last)

Location: 5872 Oliver Rd., Paradise

Contact: 530-877-7006

#### **Paradise Alliance Church**

Christmas Eve dinner Saturday, Dec. 24, open to all in the community.

Services follow the meal at 4pm. Location: 6491 Clark Rd., Paradise

Contact: 877-7069

# **Christmas Food Baskets**

# Chico

#### **Salvation Army**

Applications accepted for Christmas holiday assistance. Christmas food baskets for families with children in the home or seniors 55 and older, and Christmas toys/gifts for children 12 and younger (some exceptions are made). Sign up begin Monday, Oct. 10 and will remain open until program is full. Please apply in person at 567 E. 16<sup>th</sup> St. Mon, Wed & Thu: 9am-12pm and 1pm-3pm, and Tue: 1pm-3pm. Applicants must bring the following documents: adults bring a picture ID, children need a document with their birth date (birth certificate, Medi-Cal card, etc.), income verification (pay stubs, public assistance report), and proof of address (utility bill).

Service area: Chico, Cohasset, Richvale, Forest Ranch, Durham.

Donations needed of food and toys through Dec. 16Volunteers needed for Red Kettle donation campaign Nov. 25- Dec.

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Contact: 530-776-1009



# Gridley

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Christmas holiday assistance for families with children ages 17 and younger.

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#### **Paradise Alliance Church**

Applications for Christmas food baskets Monday, Nov. 3-Dec. 16 or until 100 applications are received.

Applications required: Call 877-7069 or visit office to sign up.

Location: 6491 Clark Rd., Paradise Contact: 530-877-7069 ext. 221

Donations: Monetary donations to purchase food for the baskets are greatly appreciated.

#### **Salvation Army**

Applications for Christmas food baskets and gifts for children 17 and under, days and times to be announced. Required: Picture ID for each adult, Social Security cards for each child in the household, proof of income, and proof of residence in Paradise, Magalia, or Stirling City.

Donations needed: Non-perishable food or new unwrapped toys, and monetary donations needed.

Volunteers needed for Red Kettle donation campaign Nov. 25- Dec. 24 call Renee Harper at 530-712-1005.

Location: 7015 Skyway, Paradise

Contact: 530-872-1534

#### St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Christmas Baskets with a Ham and complete dinner and Gift Store for Children 0–17 years applications for Christmas food baskets and gifts for children ages 0-17 for residents of Paradise Ridge area applications Available in church office lobby M-F, 9am-4pm, Nov. 28-Dec. 2 or until 100 applications are received.

Distributed: Dec. 20, from 1-3 p.m. in the Large Hall

Gift Store will be open for parents to select a gift for their children 0-17 years old.

Monetary donations, toys, and donations of canned non-perishable foods needed.

Location: 767 Elliott Rd, Paradise

Contact: 530-877-4501

# **Christmas Gift Programs**

# **Butte County**

#### **Toys for Tots**

A Toy Request form can be filled out for children 14 and younger starting Monday, Nov. 14 at www.toysfortots.org (choose the Butte County location). Do not apply using a cell phone; use a regular computer. Donations of new and unwrapped toys are accepted from mid-November through Christmas Eve at Toys for Tots boxes throughout Butte County.

Volunteers and drop-sites are needed applications are available at www.toysfortots.org.

Contact: Kathy Lovelace, 530-897-6236 or by e-mail: chicotoys4tots@gmail.com

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# **Christmas Donations & Adopt-A-Family Programs**

# **Butte County**

# **Northern Valley Catholic Social Service**

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. To sign up as an Adopt-a-Family sponsor, go to www.nvcss.org, and follow the instructions for Butte County.

Location: 10 Independence Circle, Chico, 95973

Contact NVCSS: 530-345-1600

# Chico

### **Butte College Community Giving Tree**

Sponsors needed to purchase gifts and clothing for disadvantaged children. Pick a card from the Giving Tree in the Chico Mall, Friday, Nov., 11 – Saturday, Dec., 24. Return gifts to the tree by Christmas Eve. Gifts are distributed to families by 12 non-profit organizations.

Volunteers: Volunteers needed as attendants for the tree in the Chico Mall.

Location: Chico Mall, 1950 E. 20th St., Chico

Contact: 530-897-6235

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# **Toy Drives & Events**

# **Butte County**

#### **Butte County Toy Run**

Benefit for children in foster care in Butte County.

Donate new toys on or before Saturday, Dec. 3 at Calvary Chapel of Paradise, Upper Dogtown Road and Skyway, Magalia (Tues-Fri 10am-4:30pm), Sierra Steel Harley-Davidson, 1501 Mangrove Ave. Chico, or at registration for race. The Toy Run is Saturday, Dec. 3, departing from the Silver Dollar Fair Grounds in Chico. Registration starts at 9am, departure at 10:30am.

Contact: 530-873-3114

**Kwanzaa Celebration:** Celebrate the 7 days of Kwanza with the African American Family & Cultural Center. The celebration begins on Monday, Dec. 26 with the "Unity" celebration from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. there will be a unique event for the following 7 days at 4 p.m. on weekend days and at 6 p.m. during weekdays. For more information, call 530-532-1205

Location: 3300 Spencer Ave., Oroville

# **Paradise**

## **Paradise Elks Lodge**

Annual Children's Christmas Party for children on the Paradise Ridge.

Saturday, Dec. 3, 9am-12noon

All community children ages 0-10 are welcome to attend. Children over age 2 will receive wrapped gifts, children under age 2 will get unwrapped gifts. Games, prizes, stockings, refreshments and Santa Claus. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Location: 1100 Elk Ln., Paradise

Contact: 530-877-3977

# **Holiday Formal Dresses and Accessories**

# **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: Mary Ellen, 530-877-2192



# **Low Cost Christmas Trees**

# **Butte County**

Christmas tree cutting permits (personal use) are now on sale for the Plumas and

Lassen National Forests. With a \$10 permit, Christmas trees may be cut until December 24, 2015. Information on dates and locations for permits are included at this web site:

http://www.plumascounty.org/Misc\_Pages/ChristmasTreepermits.htm

(Please observe weather advisories for the mountains and carry chains or travel in a 4-wheel drive vehicle for possible snowy conditions.)

Contact: Feather River Ranger District, 530-534-6500 or Almanor Ranger District, 530-258-2141

# **Heating With Wood / Firewood Permits**

## **Butte**

**Plumas National Forest:** Firewood Permits can be purchased at any of the three Ranger District Offices on the Plumas National Forest. Personal use firewood permits are \$10.00 per cord with a minimum purchase of 2 cords per permit and a maximum of 12 cords per person per year. Firewood permits include the firewood cutting regulations along with firewood tags and a firewood-cutting map.

http://www.fs.usda.gov/detailfull/plumas/passes-permits/?cid=stelprdb5103506&width=full

Contact: Feather River Ranger District, M-F 8am - 4:30pm

875 Mitchell Avenue Oroville, CA 95965-4699

Tel: 530-534-6500

**Lassen National Forest**: Permits are for noncommercial, personal use only. Cost of firewood permits are \$10.00 per cord. Multiple permits may be purchased up to a ten-cord limit per household with a minimum purchase of two cords per permit. Permit tags are sold with a map of the forest and firewood cutting regulations.

http://www.fs.usda.gov/detailfull/lassen/passes-permits/forestproducts/?cid=stelprdb5107317&width=full

Contact: Almanor Ranger District

900 E. Hwy 36 | PO Box 7 Chester, CA 96020

# **Paradise**

Tel: 530-258-2141

**Paradise Alliance Church: Firewood Ministry:** Provides delivered firewood once per year per family. There is an intake application to be filed out prior to receiving firewood

Contact: Paradise Alliance Church

6491 Clark Rd Paradise, CA 95969 Tel: 530-877-7069

# Winter Warmth

# **Butte County**

#### **Jesus Center**

Accepts donations of scarves, hats, gloves, socks, jackets, sleeping bags, rain ponchos, umbrellas, towels and blankets for those in need. Provides warm clothing distribution, warm meals, day resource center, and temporary overnight shelter for women and children.

Location: 1297 Park Avenue, Chico

Contact: 530-345-2640

#### **Oroville Rescue Mission**

Distribution of coats, blankets, sleeping bags, warm items. Check in daily at 4:30pm, 2pm on Sundays. First time check-in can be any time. 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.

Location: 4250 Lincoln Blvd., Oroville

Contact: 530-533-9120

#### **Chico Rescue Mission**

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: 530-343-1935

### 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: 530-712-2600

### 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, and rent receipt. Call for telephone interview.

Contact: 530-776-1009 in Chico; 530-872-1534 in Paradise; 530-534-9558 ext. 201 in Oroville.

# The Hope Center—Oroville

Wish list includes new or gently used: coats, jackets, sweaters, sweats, hats, beanies, gloves, thermals, blankets, sleeping bags, boots & scarves. These items are distributed to homeless clients throughout the season at the Hope Center, Tue-Fri 10am-3pm. The Center is closed Thanksgiving, open Christmas day, serving Christmas breakfast 9am-11am.

Location: 1950 "A" Kitrick Ave, Oroville

Contact: 530-538-8398

### Salvation Army—Chico, Paradise & Oroville

Are accepting donations of coats, jackets, blankets, sleeping bags and other warm items for distribution to those in need.

Contact: 530-776-1009 in Chico; 530-872-1534 in Paradise; 530-534-9558 in Oroville.

#### **6th Street Center for Youth**

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. Donations needed: Cold weather clothing, hats, socks, shoes; blankets and sleeping bags; personal hygiene items and first aid kits; canned and non-perishable foods.

Location: 130 W. Sixth St., Chico

Contact: 530-894-8008

#### **Torres Community Shelter**

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. Only clothing and bedding that is brand-new and in package will be accepted. Donation wish list can be found at www.chicoshelter.org.

Location: 101 Silver Dollar Way, Chico

Contact: info@chicoshelter.org or 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 call 2-1-1, or 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.



The Holiday Assistance Guide is produced by Help Central Inc. as an information service to residents of Butte County.

No representations are made about the quality of the services listed. Consumers of services are responsible for determining the appropriateness, effectiveness, and actual costs of services before making use of them.



Need help making ends meet?

You can call 2-1-1 and get connected to helpful services. Our 2-1-1 specialists are ready to listen and can provide information about programs in Butte County.

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