



Choices for Life's Journey

Formerly Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore

HOLIDAY MEALS & RESOURCES FOR MERRIMACK VALLEY

Amesbury – [Our Neighbor's Table](#)

Free food is for both Thanksgiving and Christmas to families that would otherwise go without. Their holiday programs offer a variety of groceries to help families prepare a delicious holiday meal in their own home for Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Meals for Thanksgiving and Christmas are typically available the week prior. Dates are listed in the local paper, on our website, and in our office during the holiday season.

145 Main Street

Amesbury, Massachusetts 01913

Phone: (978) 388-1907

Haverhill – [Salvation Army](#)

Provides services that include food pantries, rent payment assistance, electric bill payment assistance (in December), gas bill payment assistance, utility payment assistance, Christmas baskets, Thanksgiving dinner and prescription.

Each year, The Salvation Army provides a full **Thanksgiving** lunch to any member of the Greater Haverhill Community.

Applicants are required to bring: Photo ID, proof of ALL household income, proof of expenses (rent/mortgage, utilities, etc.), proof of address in Haverhill, Bradford, or Groveland, Proof of all household members via ID for adults and birth certificates for children.

Want to Help? Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers are needed to serve, act as wait staff and clean up. We will need volunteers from 11:00am to approximately 2:00pm. All you need to bring is your smile.

Contact: Majors Walter and Lynnann Rivers at 978-420-4192

Christmas Angel Tree Program: Each year, The Salvation Army helps provide Christmas gifts to children 12 and under who would not otherwise experience the joy of Christmas due to their families' financial struggle.

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Assistance is available for those who live in **Haverhill, Merrimac and Groveland.**

Address: 395 Main St.

Phone: 978-420-4192

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Lawrence – Neighbors in Need

Must be a client of the food pantry or referred by a caseworker from a local social service agency. Food pantry may provide holiday meals and Christmas/Thanksgiving baskets to those in need. Offers deliveries for homebound people.

If you are a client and would like to sign up for your holiday meal, please check with Neighbors in Need at 978-685-8321 for sign up dates. Pick up will be at the pantry where you usually get your food.

“Infant In Need” program provides formula, diapers and clothing to low income families.

Address: 276 Essex Street, Lawrence, MA 01841

Phone: (978) 685-8321

Lawrence – Salvation Army

Provides services that include food pantries, rent payment assistance, electric bill payment assistance, gas bill payment assistance, and utility payment assistance. Offers Santa fund, Angels, and Adopt-a-family. Need to apply in person and bring photo ID, proof of address, school letter stating children are in school, custody papers, if applicable, proof of income and birth certificate for children. Ages 0 – 12. Contact the Salvation Army for the sign up deadline.

Address: 250 Haverhill St

Phone: (978) 682-8038

Lowell – Salvation Army

Offers financial and emotional stress relief to families and individuals living in poverty. From gifts for children in need to special meals for those who would otherwise go without. Apply in person or online and bring photo ID, proof of address, school letter stating children are in school, custody papers, if applicable, proof of income and birth certificate for children. Ages 0 – 12. Contact the Salvation Army for the sign up deadline.

Address: 150 Appleton Street

Phone: (978) 458-3396

Somebody Cares Outreach Center, Lowell

Provides clothing, food and other products to those in need in the community. Offers Holiday meals on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day including products give-away, prizes and gifts.

Phone: (978) 912-7626

<https://somebodycaresne.org/food-pantry/>

Opens the Thursday before the holiday.

Newburyport – Community Service of Newburyport, Inc.

Provides food pantry, multi-service center (up to 10 nonperishable canned food items per week, used clothing and practical items). Distributes gifts to needy children (up to age 14) at Christmas. Serves the towns of Newburyport, West Newburyport, and Newbury.

[Holiday Gift Bags for Children and Seniors](#)

Trees for Christmas Vouchers are distributed to families in need for beautiful Christmas trees provided by

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Christmas Tree Santas. Vouchers are available in October and November and trees may be picked up in December.

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Address: 40 Water Street

Phone: (978) 465-0883

North Andover – [Eagle-Tribune Santa Fund](#)

Donations allow the fund to provide vouchers to use for buying gifts, clothing, and toys. Businesses (such as Target) and individuals contribute. This year, The Salvation Army, 250 Haverhill St., Lawrence (telephone 978-682-8038), will interview and verify the needs of these local families and will process vouchers redeemable for food, and toys.

Address is 100 Turnpike St

North Andover, Massachusetts, 01845

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