



McKinney-Vento

Serving Students In Transition

WESD MCKINNEY-VENTO MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2025

Holiday Assistance

Hello WESD Families:

As the holiday season approaches, we want to take a moment to express our gratitude for our wonderful WESD families. We also recognize that this time of year can bring added challenges for some.

To offer support, we've gathered information on Holiday Assistance programs that provide Christmas help and community locations offering Thanksgiving meals.

Please see the flyers below for details on local Thanksgiving resources.

For Christmas assistance, the following programs are still available:

- **The Salvation Army Angel Tree** – Applications for Christmas Assistance are still open! Families can apply by visiting saangeltree.org.
- **Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots** – Now accepting applications for holiday toy assistance through November 15. Complete the [Toy Request form](#).

You can find additional food and community resources on our [WESD Resource Page](#).

If you have questions or need further assistance, please reach out to your School Social Worker or contact the District Office at the number below.

Wishing you and your family a warm, joyful, and peaceful holiday season.

WESD McKinney Vento Team



Contact Info

WESD Social Services

☎ (602) 347-2652

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NO SCHOOL

NOV 10-11: Veterans Day

**Nov 27-28: Thanksgiving Day &
Native American Heritage Day**



Thanksgiving Resources

NOVEMBER 2025

Honor Health- Desert Mission Food Bank

- Saturday, November 22nd, 2025 at 7AM until supplies last! Walk-up takes place on N 4th Street outside of Desert Mission Food Bank (9229 N 4th St., Phoenix), N 4th street will be closed to all traffic
- Please be sure to bring a cart, wagon, or extra set of hands for your grocery collection if needed.
- Groceries will include (1) frozen turkey and (1) very large bag consisting of 3 smaller bags.
- ADA vehicle only drive-thru option
- Limit 1 distribution per family- must be present to receive: No ID or intake required

Rio Vista Center- Annual Turkey Day Event

- Saturday, November 22nd, 2025 from 9 AM-12 PM: contact Debbie at (602) 689-7457 for more info. 1431 E Southern Ave Phoenix, AZ 85040 Turkeys, sides, & bags of food will be distributed.

Vineyard Church- North Phoenix: Thanksgiving Giveaway

- Tuesday, November 25th, 2025 from 5:30PM-7 PM 6250 W Peoria Ave, Glendale, 85302: contact Joe Hernandez @ (623) 934-4000 for additional info.
- Thanksgiving Food Basket Giveaway- in person turkey meal & food basket pick up
- Event also offers games, free clothing, and free hot dog meals.
- Families will need to **pre-register** at the Vineyard food & clothing bank (address above)- ID & proof of address is needed.

The Salvation Army: Thanksgiving Day Community Event

- Annual Thanksgiving Dinner- Thursday, November 27th, 2025 Phoenix Convention Center South Building: 386 E Washington St., Phoenix- Southeast corner of E. Washington St. & 3rd St.
- Doors open @ 9AM- Sit down meal & meal service from 10 AM-1 PM
- No advanced sign up or registration- open to the public
- Hot turkey meal with sides, free haircuts, hygiene kit distribution, emotional/spiritual support,
- resources from community partners
- Transportation is available to be set up through 211 the day before the event
- Email metrophenix@usw.salvationarmy.org with questions

Lerner & Rowe: Phoenix Thanksgiving Meal Giveaway

- Sunday, November 16th, 2025 @ 2 PM GCU Campus- 3300 W Camelback Rd, Phoenix, 85017
- Giveaway of 800 Thanksgiving Meal Packages
- One meal package per family, first-come, first serve, while supplies last Email Cindy Ernst at cernst@lernerandrowe.com or call (602) 977-1900 for more information.

St. Vincent De Paul- Thanksgiving Day Meal Service

- Thursday, November 27th, 2025 during breakfast service from 7AM-8 AM & lunch service from 11AM-12:45 PM Phoenix Dining Room: 1075 W Jackson St, Phoenix, 85007
- Guests will enjoy turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, green bean casserole, & pumpkin pie
- Separate family dining room Thanksgiving Meal (must have child/children under 18 to enter) from 4 PM-6 PM @ 2120 S 3rd Drive, Phoenix, 85003

WALK-UP TURKEY DISTRIBUTION

HONORHEALTH®

Desert Mission
Food Bank



Saturday, Nov. 22
7a.m. until supplies last

Desert Mission Food Bank

9229 N 4th St., Phoenix

Come join us!

Bring your wagon, cart, or an extra set of hands
to our walk-up distribution to collect your frozen
turkey, fresh produce, and all the fixings — while
supplies last!

- Please park in surrounding areas
- 4th Street will be closed
- ADA pick-up station available

Visit **DesertMission.com/turkey-distribution** to learn more!

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Must be present to receive.*



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DISTRIBUCIÓN DE PAVO

**Sábado, 22 de Noviembre
7 a.m. hasta agotar existencias**

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Desert Mission Food Bank

9229 N 4th St., Phoenix

¡Acompañanos!

Traigasucarritooun par de manos adicionales a nuestra distribución. Para recoger su pavo congelado, productos frescos y todas las guarniciones, ¡hasta agotar existencias!

- Por favor estacione en las áreas
- circundantes
- La calle 4 estará cerrada
- Estación de recogida ADA disponible

¡Visite **DesertMission.com/turkey-distribution** para obtener más detalles!





Thanksgiving Day Community Event

A free holiday meal for veterans, families, and neighbors in need.



Phoenix Convention Center South Building

386 E. Washington St., Phoenix
(southeast corner of E. Washington St. and 3rd St.)

Doors open at 9:00 AM

Meal Service: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Join us for a day of community and care!

- Hot turkey meal with all the fixings
- Football game on the big screen
- Live music from The Salvation Army Band
- Free haircuts (limited spots available)
- Emotional & spiritual support
- Pet supplies (while supplies last)
- Outdoor seating for guests with pets
- Hygiene kit distribution (while supplies last)
- Resources from community partners

Need a ride?

2-1-1

Just call 2-1-1 the day before (NOV. 26) to set it up!

Questions?

Email: Metrophoenix@usw.salvationarmy.org



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