

# Holiday Assistance

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## Salvation Army

The Salvation Army invites families with children 16-years and under, the disabled and senior citizens to sign up for the Gifts of the Season program. Organizers expect hundreds of families to sign up.

Here's what you need:

1. Valid Photo ID for person applying
2. Proof of address with applicant's name; Monthly bill, (utility, phone, bank) dated: September, October or November or a Copy of your current lease or Section 8 paperwork
3. If you are disabled, you must bring your award letter for verification
4. Reside in Christian or Greene Counties.

Sign Up Information:

Dates: November 9 to November 13 & November 16 to November 20:

Times: 9 a.m. to Noon & 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Additionally, we will have one evening times available on: Monday, Nov. 16 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

## Crosslines

### CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

Crosslines provides Christmas food baskets to families. Baskets include a traditional holiday dinner. **Applications open October 5-November 6 and November 9-20, 2020.**

### CHRISTMAS TOY STORE

The Toystore provides brand-new toys for children. Parents can shop at the Toystore and pick out five items for their child: a large toy, a medium toy, a small toy, a book, and a knit item. **Applications open October 5-November 6 and November 9-20, 2020.**

### CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Families matched in the adoption program will receive food and toys (if they have children). Families may also receive clothing and household items. **Applications open October 5-November 6 and November 9-20, 2020.**

\*Families chosen for adoption in the past 2 years are not eligible for adoption.

### SHARE YOUR CHRISTMAS ADOPTION

Share Your Christmas allows families to share their stories in the Springfield News-Leader. Names never appear in the story, and family situations are written in general terms to protect privacy. Families selected for Share Your Christmas fill out a form to request items they need, and receive assistance from community members reading the articles. **Applications open October 5-November 6 and November 9-20, 2020.**

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## ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for holiday assistance programs through Crosslines, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Must be residents of Greene County
- Must provide Social Security Cards for all members of household (including children)
- Must provide a piece of mail less than 30 days old
- Household income must fall at or below [USDA Poverty Scale](#) for family size

In addition, applicants must meet ONE of the following requirements:

- A school-aged or younger child (birth to 18 years) must be living in the household
- All members of the household must be 60 years or older
- All members of the household must be homebound

If you do not meet these qualifications, both the [Victory Mission](#) and [Salvation Army](#) assist adult-only households.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

### **NEW THIS YEAR – REGISTER ONLINE!**

**Apply for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas assistance October 5 – November 6.**

Register online 24/7 at [ccozarks.org/holiday](http://ccozarks.org/holiday) or apply by phone on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between 2:00-5:00p, October 5.

**Apply for Christmas (only) assistance November 9 – November 20.**

Register online 24/7 at [ccozarks.org/holiday](http://ccozarks.org/holiday) or apply by phone on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between 2:00-5:00p.

Applications ask families to write about their current situation and the reasons for their need. Families experiencing a particularly difficult year (*references will be requested and checked*) may be selected and shared with Springfield News-Leader or with donors in the Adopt-a-Family program. Applicants may want to write down their story before registering to speed up the application process, but writing it beforehand is not a requirement.

\* We do not hold applications. If you do not have all the required material at the time of application, we must shred the application and you must come back at a later time and start the process again. This policy is in place to protect your personal information.

If you have additional questions, please call 417-865-5810 or email [Bambie](#).

## APPLYING FOR HOMEBOUND CLIENTS

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If all members of the household are homebound, an aide or another individual NOT living in the household must apply with a signed permission note from the client. This person should bring the following items to Crosslines when they come to apply:

- The client's ID
- A piece of the client's mail less than 30 days old
- The Social Security cards of every member in the client's household
- A note signed by the client giving the aide permission to apply