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HOLIDAY PROGRAMS 2026

November Programs

Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Requests for Thanksgiving food baskets from Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska can be made by visiting CSSHOPE.ORG/HOLIDAY2026. Orders will be filled while supplies last. Baskets may be picked up on Friday, November 20, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM at their office: 2241 O St. Lincoln, 68510.

Fall Food Festival

Fall Food is taking place at Center for People (3901 N. 27th St, Lincoln, 68521) during regular pantry hours on Tuesday, November 24th from 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM. At this event, shoppers will be provided with a variety of proteins and seasonally enjoyed ingredients, including foods that are traditionally associated with Thanksgiving and other fall celebrations. Center for People will offer increased quantities compared to our traditional distribution days to better meet the needs of households that may be hosting seasonal gatherings and celebrations. For more information, please contact Téa Cushman at 402-473-3085.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Community Action's The Gathering Place (1448 E St.) will serve a Thanksgiving meal on Thursday, November 26 at 5:00-6:00 p.m. for anyone seeking a warm, delicious holiday dinner. Join The Gathering Place for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner, complete with pie! Everyone is welcome - no eligibility requirements.

Thanksgiving Food Distribution

Good Neighbor Community Center's (2617 Y St) Thanksgiving food distribution takes place on Monday, November 23, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. For more information, please call 402.477.4173.

Holiday Food Giveaway

In collaboration with Visionary Youth, the Malone Center (1144 M St) presents their 7th annual holiday food giveaway on Sunday, November 22, 1:00-4:00 PM. There will be live music, resource booths, food for up to 1,000 families.

December Programs

Tree of Lights

Join The Salvation Army – Lincoln at 2625 Potter St, Lincoln 68503 to celebrate the start of the 2026 Tree of Lights Campaign! This is a family friendly event with crafts, activities, a visit from Santa, live music, and more! Tree lighting will take place during the 6 o'clock hour. Event time is 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Food Baskets

Requests for Christmas food baskets from Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska can be made starting December 7 by visiting CSSHOPE.ORG/HOLIDAY2026. Orders will be filled while supplies last. Baskets may be picked up on December 18, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM at their office: 2241 O St. Lincoln, 68510.

Christmas Eve Dinner

Join Community Action's The Gathering Place (1448 E St.) this Christmas Eve (December 24) from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. for a warm meal and a welcoming place to gather. Share in the spirit of the season and enjoy dinner in community with others. All are welcome, no questions asked.

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