

Holiday Assistance Programs

Bexar County (and some surrounding counties)

Military Family Relief Project

Call them or stop, and help is offered only for veterans or current member of the U.S. Armed Forces or its Reserve or National Guard component;

1801 W. Durango

San Antonio, TX 78207

Phone number - (210)226-6178

Hours of the site: 8:00 - 5:00 weekdays

Presa Community Service Center offers the low income and working poor Emergency Food and Utility Bill Assistance. They also have applications on USDA programs such as Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) or surplus government commodities. 3721 S. Presa, San Antonio, Texas 78210

City of San Antonio - Police Department

Main address is 515 S Frio, however see below for more information/locations.

San Antonio, TX 78207

Phone number is 210-207-7413

The department can provide assistance to children 12 years of age and younger. The program opens up during the fall months, and usually starting November 1st. To get more information or to apply, the application needs to be made in person. Families can apply at any San Antonio Police Department substation and not just the location above.

Chrysalis Ministries

Main address is 503 San Pedro

San Antonio, Texas 78212

Main phone number is 210-299-4540

One of the programs administered is known as Light Up a Child's Heart Christmas program. It is available for newborns, infants, and children/teens up to age 17. People need to meet with a case manager.

Salvation Army - San Antonio and Bexar County Area Command

Location is 521 W Elmira

San Antonio, TX 78212

Call 210-352-2000

The non-profit offers help around the main holiday's, including Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Thousands of children across the city and the county receive gifts, toys, and other support from the non-profit. They also have several offices. The main program offered is Angel

Tree, and it allows people from the community to “adopt” a child and buy them books, games, toys, and clothing.

Residents of the City can look into the **SAPD Blue Santa Program**. This may have items around Christmas. The main centers are listed below, as well as phone numbers.

East - (210) 207-7781

Central - (210) 207-7410

North - (210) 207-8126

West - call (210) 207-7420

South - (210) 207-8191

North Western - (210) 207-7425

Family Service Association of San Antonio, Inc.

Main address - 702 San Pedro

San Antonio, TX 78212

Telephone number is 210-299-2400

The agency will match needy families and seniors needing help for the holidays with donations and people who are looking to support the less fortunate. The Christmas programs provide necessities like toiletries, warm clothing, pots and pans, free food, and toys. This and more may be offered to San Antonio families with extremely limited incomes.

Toys for Tots of Bexar County and the city

Several local charities participate. The enrollment dates are limited. Low income families with children can be given free, unwrapped toys, games, electronics, books, and more. The Christmas program supports single mothers, immigrants in San Antonio, and the working poor among others.

- Templo Bethel Assembly of God (Asamblea de Dios) Church is at 3024 Colima Street, San Antonio, TX 78207, dial (210) 432-3461
- Living Stone Ministries - 7142 San Pedro Avenue, San Antonio TX 78216.
- Comunidad de Fe Casa De Gracia, 319 Price Ave San Antonio, Texas 78211.
- In His Word Church Inc, 5403 Jackwood, San Antonio, Texas 78238
- Town East Baptist Church 5866 US Highway 87 East, San Antonio, TX 78222, (210) 648-5961
- The People's House also has a toy program. Address is 1223 South Hamilton Avenue, San Antonio, TX 78207
- Guardians of the Children, 11020 Old Corpus Christi Hwy San Antonio TX 78223
- Iglesia Oasis de Amor y Restauracion - 2343 Pinn Rd San Antonio, Texas 78227
- Iglesia Emanuel Church, 4335 Vance Jackson road.

Sendero Food Ministry

Location is Address is 5408 Daughtry Drive

San Antonio Texas 78238

Dial (210) 680-0111

Applications are taken for toy programs. There may also be Christmas meals, Thanksgiving food boxes, and other holiday support.

San Antonio Breath of Life

3023 Martin Luther King

San Antonio, Texas 78220

(210) 980-5213

Low income families can sign up for free gift programs. There may be clothing or presents for children under the age of 13. The charity is part of Toys for Tots, the regional holiday service.

Christmas Feast of Sharing Sponsored by HEB, Henry B Gonzalez Convention Center

San Antonio, TX 78205

This is a free dinner that takes place most years. The program is known as Feast of Sharing Christmas Dinner and it takes place every Saturday before Christmas at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, specifically Halls A & B. The meals and event is free and open to the general public too, regardless of someone's income. Many people who are struggling to buy a full meal on their own take advantage of the program.

Elf Louise Christmas Program

PO Box 39107

San Antonio, Texas 78218

Main phone number is 210-224-1843

The non-profit accepts monetary donations and donations of new toys and its will be provided to the needy and struggling.

Catholic Charities

Administers social service programs and provides assistance, including around the holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas. Referrals, information, and other support may be provided to low income families, seniors, and children.

- 202 W French Pl, San Antonio, dial (210) 222-1294
- 2903 W Salinas St, San Antonio, Texas, phone number is (210) 433-3256

Bexar County Assistance Programs--

http://www.needhelppayingbills.com/html/bexar_county_assistance_progra.html

United Way Partnering Agencies -- <https://www.unitedwaysatx.org/partner-agencies/>

Food Banks

Ella Austin Community Center

Assistance is offered from both Individual and Family Services and related programs. Specifically, food and grocery assistance is offered for the low income and the economically disadvantaged residing in Bexar County and San Antonio.

1023 N. Pine St.

San Antonio, Texas 78202

(210)224-2351 9:00 - 6:00 weekdays

Agape Ministry Emergency Assistance Program

Provides food to people who reside in the following zip codes: 78217, 78218, 78239, 78209, 78219, 78233, 78244, 78247, and 78154;

In addition, other aid is offered, including government benefits. In order to qualify, the client of the program must be receiving food stamps to qualify for utility assistance and WIC (if applicable).

Address - 127 Lanark

San Antonio, Texas 78218

Bexar County Texas

Phone number - (210)590-6655

10:00 - 11:30 and 2:00 - 3:30 Monday through Friday

Basic Needs

103 Macrae

Kirby, Texas 78219

(210)-605-4662

CAM Social Services

110 McCullough

Street address - San Antonio, TX 78215

Phone number - (210)223-6648

9:00 - 3:30 Monday through Thursday; 9:00 - noon Friday.

Emergency boxes of food, Christmas and Thanksgiving meals and turkeys, groceries, and other support is available in Bexar County.

Guadalupe Community Center

The food and assistance program is available for low income families. Examples of what is provided can vary by the type of program, but ranges from canned goods, perishable items, to Thanksgiving and Christmas meals and gifts.

Address - 1801 W. Durango

City covered in Texas - San Antonio, TX 78207

(210)226-6178

Hours - 9:00 - 6:00 weekdays; food distribution runs from 9:00 - 12:00 Monday through Thursday; clothing closet is open from 9:00 - 12:00 Monday and Wednesday

Senior Congregate Meal and Activities Comprehensive Emergency Assistance

Food and other assistance is offered in zip codes 78101, 78108, 78109, 78124, 78148, 78150, 78152, 78154, 78233 (Live Oak) 78239 (Windcrest) and 78263

250 Donalan

Converse, Texas 78109

Phone number - (210)658-6351 8:00 - 4:00 weekdays

They operate the Meals on Wheels program for the homebound, including disabled and elderly.

Free meals, lunches, or boxes of frozen items may be served.

Inner City Development runs the Emergency Food and Clothing program.

Address - 1300 Chihuahua St.

San Antonio, TX 78207

Program hours - (210)224-7239 10:00 - noon weekdays

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Access financial assistance for rent and bills, as well as free food.

One Haven for Hope Way

San Antonio, TX 78207

Bexar County Texas

Hours - 8:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 5:00 weekdays

Call the agency at (210)225-7837

Hispanic Religious Partnership

They run the so called HELP Program, which offers Emergency Food. Your income needs to be 200% of the federal government poverty level or less.

Address: 1701 W. Woodlawn

San Antonio, Texas 78201

(210)731-8118 8:00 - noon and 1:30 - 5:00 Monday through Thursday; 8:00 - noon Friday

Inman Christian Center runs the Inman Food Pantry

Call the center for information on free food. Emergency food assistance provided 10:00 - 2:00 weekdays. Fruits, vegetables, canned goods, and formula may be available.

Address - 1214 Colima

San Antonio, TX 78207

Dial - (210)222-9641

Hours of the center: 2:00 - 4:00 fourth Friday of every month

La Mision Family Health Care Clinic

In addition to offering medical care, they distribute free food.

19780 U.S. Hwy. 281 South

San Antonio, TX 78221

Hours: 8:00 - 4:30 weekdays

Phone - (210)626-0600

Little Church La Villita

The church provides free Emergency Food, Counseling and Prayer. People who can get help include anyone needing emergency food, clothing or counseling, including seniors, the disabled, and low income families with children. Supports all of Bexar County.

Address: 418 Villita St., Building 13

San Antonio, Texas 78205

Phone number: (210)226-3593

Hours - 10:00 - 4:00 weekdays

Operation Homefront - TRIAD / Operation Backpack / Emergency Tragedy Fund Ft. Hood. A food pantry is also run.

Address- 10157 IH 35 North, Suite A

San Antonio, Texas 78233

Dial for help - (210)659-8039

Hours: 8:00 - 5:00 weekdays

SA Christian Hope Resource Center

Get food or clothing from the program.

Address of the location: 321 N. General McMullen

San Antonio, TX 78237

Call the center at (210)732-3776

9:00 - 1:00 Tuesday through Saturday

Wesley Health & Wellness Center

Low income Assistance Programs

Address of center - 1406 Fitch, San Antonio, Texas 78211, Bexar County

Hours - 8:00 - 5:00 weekdays

Dial - (210)924-5191

Assistance programs include Senior Brown Bag, free meals for students, and support for the homeless and very low income.

San Antonio AIDS Foundation Main Office

Help for HIV patients.

818 E. Grayson

San Antonio, Texas 78208

Call - (210)225-4715 for information on the Bexar County center.

8:00 - 4:30 weekdays

San Antonio Food Bank Main Office

They run the H.O.P.E. Program (Healthy Options for Elderly Program), and distribute food to local churches, food banks and pantries.

5200 Old Hwy. 90 West, San Antonio, Texas 78227

(210)-431-8326

Hours of the food bank - 8:00 - 5:00 Monday through Friday

This non-profit has information on many sites in Bexar County. Learn where to get fruits, breads, meals, and more.

Shalom Outreach Ministries

Open to all in residents need and those who are faced with homelessness or evictions.

3031 Guadalupe St.

San Antonio, TX 78207

Dial - (210)438-1257

Hours of the site: 9:00 - 5:00 Monday through Saturday

The Salvation Army Goslinowski Social Service Center

Program Details:

Various assistance programs for food, bills, rent, and housing. A thrift store and clothing closet are also available on site. [Click here](#) for more details on resources offered by the Bexar County Texas Salvation Army centers.

910 N. Flores

San Antonio, Texas 78212

phone number - (210)352-2020

Hours - 8:30 - 5:00 weekday

More San Antonio and Bexar County food pantries can be located by dialing 800-246-9121.

Dozens of pantries, non-profits, churches, and other organizations provide free food, canned goods, and meals to the needy. There are also special holiday programs or summer snacks for students during the summer. Or get information on how to apply for public or government assistance such as food stamps.