

# Holiday Assistance Programs

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## **Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD)—Due dates vary by location**

Holiday toys, gift cards, meals, and winter assistance are available through various ABCD neighborhood sites; intake forms and supporting documents are required. ABCD has an annual Toy Drive along with the Adopt-A-Family program (<http://bostonabcd.org/adopt-a-family.aspx>), where “wish-lists” are fulfilled for families in need. Visit <http://bostonabcd.org/holiday-gifts.aspx> or call 617-348-6000 to find an ABCD location. The central office is located at 178 Tremont Street, Boston MA 02111.

*To make a donation:* Monetary donations may be made online (<https://bostonabcd.org/donate-now.aspx>), and toys and gift cards may be donated at ABCD locations (<http://bostonabcd.org/service-centers.aspx>). Become a part of Adopt-A-Family (ABCD GiveLine, [give@bostonabcd.org](mailto:give@bostonabcd.org), Phone: 617-348-6559) or support ABCD’s Winter Emergency Campaign (<http://bostonabcd.org/winter-emergency-campaign.aspx>).

***\*Recipient organization of Longwood Pediatrics staff donations!***

## **Globe Santa—Due November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Families with children 12 years and younger

Family must submit request for gifts with a holiday gift verification form from the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA). A letter about your family’s story must also be submitted describing your situation and why you are seeking holiday gifts for your children (do not include wish lists or gift ideas in this letter). The form and story should be submitted by mail to: Globe Santa, P.O. Box 55820 Boston, MA 02205-5820. If you have not received the verification form, contact the DTA at (877) 382-2363. Families are still able to request gifts with a non-DTA agency registered with Globe Santa. For more information, call the Family Request Phone Assistance Line: 617-929-2002 or visit the Globe Santa website at <https://globesanta.org/aboutreq.aspx#request>.

*To make a donation:* By phone (617-929-2007), or by mail (send check or money order to: The Boston Globe Foundation, c/o Globe Santa Fund, PO Box 491, Medford, MA 02155-0005; please make checks payable to "Globe Santa"). Additional information is available at: <https://globesanta.org/involved.aspx#waystohelp>.

## **My Brother’s Keeper—Requests processed now until right before Christmas\***

Holiday gifts are available for families in need; requests are only processed by phone (508-238-2562) for the parents in need. Additional information is available at <http://www.mybrotherskeeper.org/request-assistance/christmas-assistance/>. The servicing locations include the Boston area south to Fall River and Cape Cod. The phone line is extremely active due to the large population served; callers will need to be persistent in calling until the line opens (if the line rings as busy, you will need to hang up and redial). Current call schedules are 2:30pm – 4:30pm on Monday, and 9:00am – 12:00pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, though these are subject to change.

\*Phone lines will be open until just before Christmas, but it is highly recommended that families make requests as early as possible to ensure needs are met.

*To make a donation:* Visit <http://www.mybrotherskeeper.org/> to find current needs, such as non-perishable food donations and wish lists on Amazon, along with ways to make monetary donations and volunteer.

### **Toys for Tots—Due dates vary by location**

Toys are available for families through the local Toys for Tots centers, or in the case of the Boston location, toys are instead available through registered non-profits. Visit [http://www.toysfortots.org/request\\_toys/Default.aspx](http://www.toysfortots.org/request_toys/Default.aspx) to locate your town and request toys for your family. For additional information, visit [http://www.toysfortots.org/contact\\_us/responses.aspx?nResponse=1](http://www.toysfortots.org/contact_us/responses.aspx?nResponse=1); the organization does not take requests by phone.

*To make a donation:* Visit the Toys for Tots website at <http://www.toysfortots.org/donate/toys.aspx> to find a toy drop-off location near you; visit <http://www.toysfortots.org/donate/Default.aspx> for additional donation options.