



Connection to Community Resources

December 2021

Check out this month's Connection to Community Resources

Including information on

- Holiday Toy Programs - How to Give & How to Get Help
- MNSure Sign Up - due Dec 15
- First Generation Homebuyer Program

If you have a resource you would like featured in an upcoming newsletter or would like to connect regarding your specific situation, please let me know.

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HOLIDAYS TOY PROGRAMS

SALVATION ARMY TOY SHOP

Twin Cities Families seeking help with holiday gifts for their children(ages 0-14) may register for the Salvation Army Toy Shop program. Proof of address and ID for each child and ID for the adult picking up is required. Register online or call 651-746-3595. It is advised to register by Dec 4. Program may close registration once capacity is reached.

salvationarmynorth.org/twin-cities/toy-shop

If you live outside of Edina, you may be eligible for other toy programs [Click Here](#)

DONATE TO TOYS FOR TOTS

Edina Bus Drivers are collecting Toys for Tots until Dec 16. Items may be given to the drivers or delivered the bus garage. For other locations in Edina, [click here](#).

DONATE TO SALVATION ARMY TOY DRIVE

Bring donations to any Spire Credit Union or the Salvation Army Northern Division Headquarters. Learn about [volunteer opportunities](#).

ADOPT A FAMILY

Good in the Hood is seeking additional sponsors for their Adopt a Family program [Learn More](#)

INSURANCE

MNSURE OPEN ENROLLMENT

Register online by Dec 15 for 2022 Health Insurance coverage. Applications are available [online](#). Apply for *financial assistance* and search for trained [navigators](#) to help with the application process or brokers.

1-855-366-7873 www.mnsure.org/

MNSURE ENROLLMENT HELP -WALK IN SERVICE

[7240 Brooklyn Blvd #200, Brooklyn Blvd, MN 55429](#)

Monday-Saturday 9 AM – 5 PM ends Dec 9th.

PORTICO HEALTHNET

Portico offers MNSure application and enrollment assistance as well as navigation through the health care coverage system. Services are available in English, Español, Hmong, Somali, & Vietnamese.

Call [651-489-2273](tel:651-489-2273) for an appointment. porticohealthnet.org/

BUYER / HOMEOWNER / RENTER

FIRST GENERATION HOMEBUYER

Come Home 2 Edina has launched a special mortgage assistance program for individuals and families

who are first time home buyers and their parents did not own a home. First Time Homeowners may be eligible for the second mortgage program. Learn more about both programs at edinamn.gov/155/Come-Home-2-Edina

MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE

Hennepin Homeownership Preservation Program (HHPP) provides support to homeowners in Hennepin County who are past due on their mortgage or other housing expenses. HHPP offers foreclosure prevention advising and limited financial assistance. To determine if you are eligible for HHPP, please complete the [eligibility form](#) or call 651-236-8952 for assistance. hocmn.org/hennepinhpp/

RENT HELP MN.ORG

COVID19- Rental Assistance- Applications are now open for renters in Minnesota with Past Rent Due or Past Utilities Due. Up to 15 months of assistance is available. To be eligible you must meet **80% AMI** [Hennepin county: 4-person HH- \$79,900] [AMI chart by county](#) Households who are current on their rent payments and need help with future rent will be able to apply later. renthelpmn.org

RENT HELP NAVIGATORS

Wednesdays & Fridays 10am-4:30pm
VEAP- 9600 Aldrich Ave, Bloomington
Navigators from African Women and Youth Resource Center will help community members apply for rental assistance, offering support in English, Somali and Spanish. [Learn More](#)



HOME LINE

HOME Line tenant hotline provides renters throughout Minnesota with free, confidential legal information regarding their rights as tenants. Webinar recording available.

612-728-5767 homelinemn.org [Email an Attorney](#)

Para Espanol: 612-255-8870 Af- Soomaali wac 612-255-8860 Hai lus Hmoob, Hub 612-255-7104

FINANCIAL SUPPORTS

Emergency Broadband Benefit Program

The **Emergency Broadband Benefit Program** is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program that provides a temporary discount on monthly broadband bills for qualifying households. Consumers should visit getemergencybroadband.org or call the toll free number 833-511-0311 specifically for information about the application.

Note: If you are approved for Educational Benefits you qualify!



Energy Assistance Program (Renters & Homeowners)

If you need help paying your energy bills and want to prevent a shut off.....The Energy Assistance Program can help you pay up to \$1,200 in energy expenses-- such as a heating bill. This grant is paid directly to your energy provider, to reduce your energy bill. Hennepin County residents contact Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County at 952-930-3541 [Apply Now](#).

Auto Insurance Payment Assistance

If you live in Hennepin County, have experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19, have income below 200% poverty guidelines and have a difficulty making payments on your auto insurance, you may be eligible for up to 6 months in auto insurance payment assistance. Learn More at:

<https://caphennepin.org/what-we-do/auto-insurance-assistance.html>

HEALTH & WELLNESS

COVID-19 VACCINES/BOOSTERS

COVID19 Vaccines are now available for everyone Ages 5 and older and Boosters for anyone 18+. Register for an appointment using the link below, find a walk-in or call your health provider.

[MN Vaccine Connector](#)

833-431-2053

[Bloomington Public Health](#)

[Hennepin County Vaccine Clinic](#)

COVID-19 TESTING

Anyone with symptoms should continue to get tested and follow state guidance on isolation/ quarantine and masking. Many testing sites require an appointment.

[Find Test Locations](#)

Community Test Sites:

MSP Airport

Minneapolis Convention Center

Bloomington- former DMV site

[Order an At-Home Test](#)

FLU SHOTS

Flu Shots are recommended each year for anyone 6 months and older.

Flu Shots are available at:

*Health Providers

*Pharmacies

*Bloomington Public Health

prepmod.health.state.mn.us/

CHANGE TO CHILL

Mindfulness & Stress Relief Resources for youth and teens changetochill.org/

FOOD RESOURCES

VEAP FOOD PANTRY

Fresh produce, perishables and food items of your preference. Call **952-888-9616** for an appointment



VEAP MOBILE PANTRY open to everyone.

Yorktown Continental Apts (Edina: 2nd Thursday of each month 2pm-4pm)

For other locations: veap.org/events/

LOAVES & FISHES

Meals To-Go are available to anyone in need. Locations are available throughout the metro area including Richfield, St Louis Park and Bloomington.

loavesandfishesmn.org/dining-sites/



FARE FOR ALL

Open to everyone. Purchase packs of frozen meats, fresh fruits & vegetables & special buys (\$10-\$30). Holiday packs sold in Dec. **763-450-3880**

fareforall.thefoodgroupmn.org/



HUNGER SOLUTIONS

Search for nearby food resources including food shelves, farmers markets, senior discounts and community food distributions hungersolutions.org/find-help/



CHILDREN & YOUTH

WINTER/SPRING ACTIVITY REGISTRATION

[Children & Youth Sports & Activities in Edina PDF](#)

[Edina Community Ed Enrichment Classes](#)- Opens Dec 7

[Edina Parks & Recreation](#) - winter now open

[EHS Winter Sports/Activities Programs](#)

NEEDS-BASE FINANCIAL SUPPORTS

[Edina Community Ed Edina Connect Card](#) [Edina Give & Go](#)



EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING

Early Screening is used to help check a child's development and health while getting connected to early childhood programs. Screening is required before beginning Kindergarten and is available starting at age 3 year.

[Learn More and Make an Appointment](#)



DONATE

MERCY CLOSET

Now collecting heavy winter boots, Men's L & XL winter (snow) jackets and Middle School and High School boys athleisure.

Bring donations Thursdays and Fridays 7am-5pm to Mercy Commons - back door **4201 W. 50th, Edina**

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