



Connection to Community Resources

December 2022

Check out this month's Connection to Community Resources including

- Holiday Toy Programs
- Come Home 2 Edina Mortgage Program
- Flu Shots
- SNAP Benefits Increases Income Eligibility and more

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

Parents seeking help with toys for their children this holiday season can register with one of the following programs. Registration deadlines are on or before Dec 1 depending on the program



[Salvation Army Toy Shop](#)

[North Point Health and Wellness Center, Toys for Tots](#)

[New Salem Missionary Baptist Church - Toys for Tots](#)

[Toy Programs Serving Hennepin County Residents](#)

Donate Toys

[TOYS FOR TOTS](#)

Police Department, 4801 W. 50th St (donate by Dec 14, 5pm)
Fire Station 1, 6250 Tracy Ave (donate by Dec 14, 5pm)
Edina Public School Bus Garage– West 76th St, Edina (donate by Dec 18)

[SALVATION ARMY TOY DRIVE](#)

HOM Furniture, Spire Credit Unions, National Guard

Donate Gift Cards

VEAP is seeking \$25.00 gift cards for Cub Foods and Target for the social workers to provide VEAP participants during the holiday season. VEAP: 9600 Aldrich Ave S, Bloomington MN 55424



RENTER / HOMEOWNER RESOURCES

Energy Assistance Program Oct 1-May 31
(Renters & Homeowners)

If you need help paying your energy bills and water bills want to prevent a shut off.....The Energy Assistance Program can help you pay up to \$2,000 in energy expenses-- such as a heating bill. This grant is paid directly to your energy provider, to reduce your energy bill.

If you live in Hennepin County, Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County can assist you with your application.

[Click here to Apply & for more Info](#) OR call 952-930-3541 for an application.

Come Home 2 Edina Mortgage Program

The Come Home 2 Edina second mortgage program provides down-payment assistance loans to support people in affordable home ownership. Participants in the program can now purchase a home with a price up to \$500,000. The maximum loan is 25 percent of the purchase price, up to \$60,000. Income Eligibility: 1-2 person household , \$117,000 Income Limit, 3 or more person household, \$134,800 income limit.



First Generation Home Buyers may also qualify for a third mortgage program

<https://www.edinamn.gov/155/Come-Home-2-Edina>

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

Para Espanol: 612-255-8870

Af- Soomaali wac 612-255-8860

Hai lus Hmoob, Hub 612-255-7104

homelinemn.org

[Email an Attorney](#)

HEALTH & WELLNESS

MNsure- Open Enrollment

Register for Health Insurance by December 15 to have coverage begin Jan 1, 2023. Final day to register is January 15. Apply online, find free help, get free cost estimates. mnsure.org



New: If your family members' access to your employer-sponsored insurance has been determined unaffordable, your family may have new options for low-cost subsidized health insurance through MNsure starting in 2023. [Learn More](#)

FLU SHOTS

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

Free Flu Shots are available with your:

Health Provider

Pharmacy ([CVS/Walgreens/Cub](#))

vaccines.gov/

[Hennepin County Vaccine Clinic](#) 612-543-5555

COVID-19 VACCINES

COVID19 Vaccine Boosters are now available for everyone 6 months and older.

Register for an appointment using the link below, find a walk-in or call your health provide. Learn more about Booster Shots

[MN Vaccine Connector](#) 833-431-2053

[Hennepin County Vaccine Clinic](#) 612-543-5555



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.

[Order an At-Home Test](#)

MDH COVID Public hotline: 1-833-431-2053

[Find Test Locations](#)



Testing remains important.
For Everyone.

Vaccinated + Unvaccinated.

STAY SAFE MN

FOOD RESOURCES

SNAP Benefits Income Limits Increased

New income limits for households to be eligible for SNAP benefits increased in September. Families who may 200% or below the poverty line may be eligible.

Family of 2: \$3,052 per month (before taxes)

Family of 3: \$3,838

Family of 4: \$4,625

Family of 5: \$5,412



Apply at MNBenefits.org



VEAP Food Pantry

Fresh produce, perishables and food items of your preference. Drive-up model is currently used. You are welcome to visit twice per month. Call **952-888-9616** for an appointment

VEAP Mobile Pantry- open to everyone. Find a location near you. veap.org/events/



Weekend Food Bags for Edina Students

If your family is seeking food support over the weekend, connect with your school social worker to learn about your site's food program.

Depending your school, food is provided by Every Meal or VEAP



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.

Find a dining site here. loavesandfishesmn.org/dining-sites/



FARE FOR ALL

Open to everyone. Purchase packs of frozen meats, fresh fruits & vegetables & special buys (\$10-\$30). Holiday packs in Nov/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/

NOW HIRING



KIDS CLUB Rec Leaders

Supervise and work with youth in the afterschool care program. Assist in planning activities.



Snow Removal -seasonal contractors

Earn \$20 per hour clearing snow from driveways and sidewalks of senior citizen's homes. Must commit to the entire winter season.

Virtual Hiring Fair- hosted by CareerForce

Wednesday, December 7, 1 – 2 p.m.

[Learn More](#) about the companies attending the hiring fair
[Register Here](#)

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Apply for Educational Benefits

MDE Educational Benefit Applications are now available for the 2022-23. (formally known as Free & Reduced Lunch/Breakfast)

[Edina Public Schools](#) [Richfield Public Schools](#) [Hopkins Public Schools](#)



Families approved for Education Benefits qualify for free ACT testing; participation in College Possible program; college scholarships; some government benefits; and discounts for things such as Comcast internet service, and tickets to various museums.

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](#)



Weekend Food & Winter Coats

If your family would benefit from receiving weekend food packs, please connect with your school social worker to learn about your school's weekend food program provided by community partners Every Meal or VEAP.

If you are seeking help with clothing resources and winter gear (coats, boots and more) please connect with a social workers or the ERC for referral to Mercy Closet.



Winter Activity Registration

[Edina Community Ed Enrichment Classes](#) - OPENS DEC 6

[Edina Parks & Recreation](#)

[EHS Winter Sports/Activities](#)

Needs-based Financial Supports

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 3: Pop-Up Holiday Craft & Book Bazaar

Senior Center 5280 Grandview Square

10 AM - 3PM

[Learn More](#)

Dec 10: 2nd Saturday Respite/ Caregiver Education/Support Group

Normandale Center for Healing & Wholeness

9 AM - 12 PM

[Register Here](#)

Dec 31: 'All Day Long' Family New Year's Eve Party

Edinborough Park

9 AM - 12 PM 3 PM - 6 PM

[Register More](#)

Edina Resource Center

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Free, confidential service for anyone who lives, works or goes to school in Edina*

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