



Connection to Community Resources

November 2023

Check out this month's Connection to Community Resources:

- Thanksgiving Baskets/Holiday Meals
- Holiday Toy Programs
- New Affordable Housing Complex Opens in Edina
- Flu Shot Clinic in Edina
- Income Eligibility Increases for SNAP

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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Thanksgiving Programs/Toy Programs

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

If you are interested in receiving a donated Thanksgiving Food Basket from the Edina Rotary, please contact the Edina Resource Center.

Requests for baskets are being taken until:

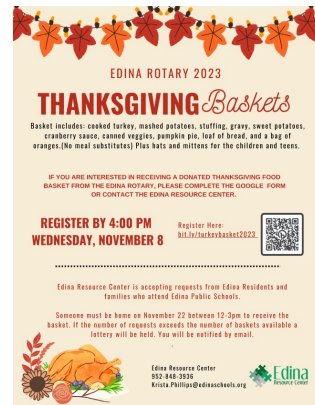
4:00 PM Wednesday, November 8th

If the number of requests exceeds the number of baskets available, a lottery will be held. You will be notified by email.

Basket includes: cooked turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, canned veggies, pumpkin pie, loaf of bread, and a bag of oranges. (No meal substitutes) Plus hats and mittens for the children and teens.

Someone **must** be available to receive the basket delivery at the address you give us **between 12:00pm-3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 22nd.**

Baskets are available for Edina Residents or families who attend Edina Public Schools. [Register Here](#) Thank you Edina Rotary for providing these meals.



EDINA ROTARY 2023
THANKSGIVING Baskets

Basket includes: cooked turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, canned veggies, pumpkin pie, loaf of bread, and a bag of oranges. (No meal substitutes) Plus hats and mittens for the children and teens.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING A DONATED THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKET FROM THE EDINA ROTARY, PLEASE COMPLETE THE GOOGLE FORM OR CONTACT THE EDINA RESOURCE CENTER.

REGISTER BY 4:00 PM WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 Register Here: bit.ly/thanksbasket2023

Edina Resource Center is accepting requests from Edina Residents and families who attend Edina Public Schools.

Someone must be home on November 22 between 12:00pm-3:00pm to receive the basket. If the number of requests exceeds the number of baskets available a lottery will be held. You will be notified by email.

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Thanksgiving Meals/Baskets

Find programs based on what county you live in

- [Hennepin County List](#)
- [Dakota County List](#)
- [Carver County List](#)
- [Scott County List](#)



Holiday Toys Programs

Find programs based on what county you live in

- [Hennepin County Residents](#)
- [Dakota County Residents](#)
- [Carver County Residents](#)
- [Scott County Residents](#)

[Salvation Army Toy Shop](#) - Opens Nov 1

Search for a [Toys For Tots](#) Program Provider near you

Donate Toys

Many organizations including [Toys for Tots](#) and [Salvation Army](#) will soon collect toy donations. Official collection sites information is still being finalized with more available by Thanksgiving.

Donate Gift Cards

VEAP is collecting \$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

Forty-Forty Flats: Affordable Housing 55+ Apartments- Now Opening!

Come tour the brand-new community & affordable apartments, located in Edina near Southdale Center. Join us Friday, November 17th from 11am – 3pm for an Open House & Instant Application Fair at Forty-Forty Flats. Enjoy tours and get personalized help filling out an application and other paperwork. These apartments won't last long, so bring the required documents ([see list provided](#)) and the process will be quick & easy! [Learn More](#) about AMI requirements. RSVP to: 952-232-0001 or fortyfortyflats@ecumen.org

Energy Assistance Program

Oct 1- Apr 30 (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 \$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.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Household Size	Maximum 1-Month Gross Income*	Maximum Annual Gross Income*
1	\$2,722	\$32,667
2	\$3,559	\$42,719
3	\$4,397	\$52,770
4	\$5,235	\$62,822
5	\$6,072	\$72,874
6	\$6,910	\$82,925
7	\$7,067	\$84,810
8	\$7,224	\$86,695
9	\$7,381	\$88,579
10	\$7,538	\$90,464

*Gross income is total earnings before taxes and other deductions

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 \$515,200. The maximum loan is 25 percent of the purchase price, up to \$60,000. Income Eligibility: 1-2 person household, \$124,200 Income Limit, 3 or more person household, \$142,800 income limit.



First Generation Home Buyers may also qualify for a third mortgage program for up to \$20,000.

<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 begins Nov 1

Register for Health Insurance by December 15 to have coverage begin Jan 1, 2024. Final day to register is January 15. Apply online, find free navigator help, get free cost estimates. mnsure.org

[CAP-HC](#) offers Enrollment Assistance for Hennepin County residents who are uninsured and underinsured.

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. [Learn More](#)



FLU SHOTS

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

Bloomington Public Health will hold to Flu Clinics at the Edina Community Center on November 1 & 2. [Book your Appointment.](#) Available to those with or without insurance

Flu shots are also available at your local Pharmacy ([CVS/Walgreens/Cub](#)); from your Health Provider; or at

COVID-19 VACCINES & TESTING &

COVID-19 Vaccines 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.

[Find a Location](#) 833-431-2053

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

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](#)

[Order Free an At-Home Tests](#)

4 Additional Free Tests may be ordered at: <https://www.covid.gov/tests>

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



FOOD RESOURCES

SNAP Benefits Income Limits Increased

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

- Family of 2: \$3,287 per month (before taxes)
- Family of 3: \$4,143
- Family of 4: \$5,000
- Family of 5: \$5,857



Apply at MNBenefits.org

To figure out if a household likely qualifies for SNAP, use the [SNAP screening tool](#) or call the Minnesota Food HelpLine at 888-711-1151



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-\$35).

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

1-888-711-1151

hungersolutions.org/find-help/

NOW HIRING

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. Ages 16+

[Learn more and apply](#)



Virtual Community Resource Fair- hosted by CareerForce

Wednesday, Nov 1st, 1 – 2 p.m.

[Learn More](#) about the agencies attending

[Register Here](#)

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Apply for Educational Benefits

MDE Educational Benefit Applications are now available for the 2023-24. (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](#)



Clothing & Winter Coats

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.

If you have clothing items for youth you would like to donate, please connect with [Mercy Closet](#), Edina's local clothing closet to support Edina Students.



Winter Activity Registration

[Edina Community Ed Enrichment Classes](#) - OPENS DEC 5

[Edina Parks & Recreation](#) - Winter/Spring OPENS NOV 9

[EHS Winter Sports/Activities](#)

Needs-based Financial Supports for Youth

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 2: Pumpkin Smash and Bash

Countryside Park
4 PM - 6 PM

[Learn Here](#)

Nov 7: Election Day/No School Edina Public Schools

City of Edina Special Election and Edina School Board Election

[Learn More](#)

Nov 11: 2nd Saturday Respite/ Caregiver Education/Support Group

Normandale Center for Healing & Wholeness
9 AM - 12 PM

[Register Here](#)

Nov 18: Pop-Up Holiday Craft & Book Bazaar

Senior Center 5280 Grandview Square
10 AM - 3PM

[Learn More](#)

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