

# LOCAL COMMUNITY GUIDE & HOLIDAY RESOURCES

## HELPING FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS STAY NOURISHED AMID SNAP DELAYS THIS NOVEMBER & HOLIDAY SEASON

At Tri-County United Way, we stand beside our neighbors during these challenging times. We believe no one should have to face hardship alone. That's why we've created the Local Community Guide & Holiday Resources for Warren, Washington, and Saratoga Counties, an opportunity to help individuals and families connect with the support they need this season. Together, we can make sure everyone feels cared for, supported, and hopeful.

### LOCAL FOOD AND MEAL RESOURCES:

- **Warren County:** Find free food and prepared meal sites through the Warren County DSS list (14 locations) or the Regional Food Bank's interactive map.
- **Washington County:** Access local food programs and pantries using the Regional Food Bank's map or the Food Connect Map.
- **Saratoga County:** Visit [www.saratogacountyny.gov](http://www.saratogacountyny.gov) to learn more.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES SARATOGA, WARREN & WASHINGTON COUNTIES VIA THE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

- SNAP benefits for November will not be issued due to the federal government shutdown. This includes regular, expedited, and prior-month benefits.
- Once the shutdown ends or new federal funding is provided, all missed SNAP benefits will be issued to eligible households.
- EBT cards still work, and any existing benefits can continue to be used at SNAP-authorized retailers and farmers markets.
- SNAP requirements remain in effect households must still complete recertifications, submit periodic reports, and report changes.
- Applications for SNAP are still being accepted, but households approved after Nov. 1 will not receive benefits until funding resumes.
- Public Assistance (cash benefits) is not affected and will continue to be issued.
- SNAP approval notices may still be mailed, but benefits mentioned in them will not be issued until the shutdown ends.
- Fair hearings for missed benefits will not be scheduled during the shutdown.
- Updates will be posted on: [OTDA website](#)
- **Other food resources available:**
  - Regional Food Banks & Emergency Food Relief Orgs
  - The Food Pantries "Food Connect" Map
  - Double Up Food Bucks
  - Hunger Free America
  - Call: USDA Hunger Hotline (1-866-3-HUNGRY / 1-877-8-HAMBRE), 211 (NYS)
  - Text "food" to 914-342-7744 for local resources.

### Family Service Association (FSA)

- Food Stretching Tips: Guides to make meals go further. Contact FSA.
- Pantry Hours: Monday–Friday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- Non-perishable Food Donations Needed: pasta, peanut butter, canned tuna/chicken, soups, oatmeal
- Contact: [www.fsaglensfalls.org](http://www.fsaglensfalls.org) or (518) 793-0797



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### COMFORT FOOD COMMUNITY

- Medicaid Food Voucher Program
- What it offers: Up to 3 meals/day, 7 days/week, for 6 months for eligible individuals
- How to access: Complete the social care Network eligibility screening. Qualified participants are referred for food vouchers.
- Contact: [www.comfortfoodcommunity.org/home](http://www.comfortfoodcommunity.org/home) or (518) 531-4502

### WAIT HOUSE

- Programs & Services: Connects clients to emergency food resources through local pantries & partners. Supplements shelter meals with donated items & gift cards
- Pack the Porch Initiative: Collects non-perishable items for youth and families transitioning to independent housing
- Needs & Volunteer Opportunities: Donations of grocery gift cards, non-perishable pantry items, winter support for increased demand
- How to Help: Donate items or gift cards
- Volunteer with pantries or holiday meal programs
- Contact: [www.hycwaithouse.org](http://www.hycwaithouse.org) to give back and/or learn more about receiving the gift cards.

### NORTH COUNTRY MINISTRY

- We will be distributing 150 Thanksgiving Baskets for families in the Warrensburg and Brant Lake areas.
- Sign-ups are required through a caseworker.
- Our Giving Tree Program is also open for children under 18 (or still in high school). This program serves all of Warren County, excluding Glens Falls and Queensbury. Sign-ups are also required through a caseworker.
- Contact [\(518\) 623-2829](tel:5186232829) to learn more or visit [northcountryministry.org](http://northcountryministry.org).

### SENIOR CENTER OF THE KINGSBURY & FORT EDWARD AREA

- The Senior Center of Kingsbury & Fort Edward is preparing for the upcoming season with its ongoing Meal Program, offered Monday through Friday at 12:00 PM, providing nutritious meals for our community's seniors.
- Comfort Food Community's FREE 2025 Holiday Food Run will take place at the Senior Center on Wednesday, November 19 and Wednesday, December 17 at 10:00 AM. We are currently seeking volunteers to assist during both food run dates.
- The Senior Center is also creating a list of seniors in need of food assistance and will be collecting donations on-site. Food donation stations will be available at the Senior Center to support this effort.
- Visit [www.seniorcenterkfe.com](http://www.seniorcenterkfe.com) to learn more.



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### SALVATION ARMY

- Beginning November 1, our organization will lift the 30-day limit between food pantry requests to ensure that no one is turned away during this difficult time. While SNAP benefits are suspended, we are committed to providing food to all who need it. We've been stockpiling non-perishable items as well as ready-to-eat foods that can be distributed to individuals who are unhoused or have limited access to cooking facilities. While we're encouraged by the community's support so far, we are concerned about the increased demand heading into the holiday season.
- Applications for our Christmas Assistance Program including Warm the Children, Angel Tree (Toy Distribution), and Christmas Food Parcels (with a gift card for meat purchases).
- To accommodate additional families, we've added one final in-person application day: Monday, November 4 | 11 AM – 7 PM
- Monthly Drive-Thru Food Distribution**
  - Wednesday, November 19 | Begins at 2 PM
- Drive-Thru Thanksgiving Distribution**
  - Saturday, November 22, 2025 | Begins at 10 AM
- Current Needs & Partnership Opportunities**
  - Angel Tree Support: Assistance finding new groups or locations to adopt and fill angels.
  - Food Donations: Increased need for both pantry staples and holiday food supplies due to higher demand and expanded service hours.
  - Volunteers: Especially for our November 19 and November 22 food distribution events.
- Contact Information**
  - For Angel Tree or Christmas Assistance inquiries:
    - Major Delia Carroll – [Delia.Carroll@use.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Delia.Carroll@use.salvationarmy.org) (518) 792-1960
  - For Food Pantry or Distribution inquiries:
    - Heather Prosser – [Heather.Prosser@use.SalvationArmy.org](mailto:Heather.Prosser@use.SalvationArmy.org) (518) 792-1960



### The Kelley Family Charitable Foundation in partnership with the area businesses

- Free Complete Thanksgiving Dinner
- What's included: Turkey, sides, dessert, and more
- Who can participate: Everyone. no eligibility required
- How to Reserve: Email [518thanksgiving@gmail.com](mailto:518thanksgiving@gmail.com) by Nov 19
- Pickup: Monday, Nov 24 @ The Gym 518, Queensbury
- Delivery: Tuesday, Nov 25 or Wednesday, Nov 26
- Include: Name & phone number, Household size, Address (if delivery)

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