



For more than 60 years, HumanKind Ministries has brought the community together to provide Sedgwick County's largest holiday assistance program—Operation Holiday—distributing food, winter wear, blankets and more to thousands of Wichitans during the coldest months of the year. Due to the pandemic, the need this year is expected to be greater than ever. Operation Holiday takes a community working together to provide this critical assistance to our low-income neighbors, and we are so grateful for your interest in joining us.

Ways to Get Involved with 2020 Operation Holiday

- Make a donation online at www.OperationHoliday.org or by calling 316-264-9303.
- Donate nonperishable food, new children's coats, and new or newly handmade blankets and children's winter accessories to a collection site near you. A list of sites can be found at www.OperationHoliday.org.
- Volunteer as an individual or with a group at our donation warehouse or distribution Nov. 9-Dec. 19.
- Sign up to host a collection drive now through Dec. 5 at www.OperationHoliday.org.
- Take part in our Week of Giving, beginning Nov. 30.

Volunteer FAQ

How do I volunteer for Operation Holiday?

All groups and individuals interested in volunteering must complete the volunteer waiver (updated June 2020) and sign up for a specific volunteer opportunity at www.HumanKindWichita.org/Volunteer. Several opportunities are available, so please choose what best aligns with your skills and interests.

What precautions are being taken for volunteers due to COVID-19?

Individuals and groups will be physically distanced while volunteering. Volunteers must wear a mask, regularly wash or sanitize hands and stay with their group while volunteering. Groups will be limited to no more than 20 people, including children. If you have been exposed to COVID-19, are awaiting COVID-19 test results, have been asked to quarantine due to possible exposure or are feeling under the weather, please stay home.

Will distribution be different due to COVID-19?

This year, distribution will take place via drive-thru in the northwest overflow parking area at Towne West Square Mall. Volunteers will load goods into clients' cars to allow for social distancing. If you or someone you know needs assistance this holiday season, please visit www.HumanKindWichita.org/Holiday for eligibility and more information

Donor FAQ

What items can I donate for Operation Holiday?

We are accepting nonperishable food items, new children's coats (sizes 2T to Youth 14), new or newly handmade blankets and children's winter accessories. Collection sites throughout the city will accept donations through Dec. 5. A full list of sites can be found at www.OperationHoliday.org.

What is the biggest need for Operation Holiday?

Monetary gifts are our greatest need since they allow HumanKind to purchase goods in bulk at a discount.

How can I make a monetary donation?

Monetary gifts can be made by phone at 316-264-9303, online at www.HumanKindWichita.org/Donate, or mailed to HumanKind Ministries at 829 N Market, 67214.

Will HumanKind accept other donations?

We are also accepting donations for our Emergency Winter Shelters. Our Emergency Winter Shelters are in need of new underwear and socks, men's jeans, men's and women's coats (size L to 3XL), warm winter items (sweats, sweatshirts, hoodies, etc.), and winter boots. Our fill wish list can be found at www.HumanKindWichita.org/Give.

To learn more about Operation Holiday, visit www.OperationHoliday.org or call 316-264-9303.