# Ways to Give Back This Holiday Season Greater DFW Area

#### **Dallas Children's Health Holiday Parade** Dallas | Dec 7

Joints | Dec / Join the annual Dallas holiday parade with floats, bands, and balloons, benefiting the Child Life Department of Children's Health, and volunteer for various roles like hosting bleachers, escorting characters, and more. dallasholidayparade.com

## Dallas YMCA Turkey Trot

Dallas | Nov 28

Participate in the Thanksgiving morning 5K run/walk or 8-mile run tradition to support the Dallas YMCA, with volunteer opportunities available for various event tasks, including packet pickups, water breaks, setup, and more. ymcadallas.org/turkeytrot

## North Texas Food Bank

The North Texas Food Bank provides 170,000 meals daily to those in need and is in urgent need of food donations to support its mission. At the same time, volunteers are also welcome to assist in various roles, such as in the pantry and distribution center. You can host a canned food drive, with more information on their website's "donate food" section or contact the team. ntfb.org

## **Operation Kindness Pet Adoption**

Dallas | Select Dates in November Visit to meet charming adoptable pets from Operation Kindness and find your new beloved furry companion! galleriadallas.com/holiday

## Home for the Holidays

Dallas | Nov 21 - Dec 23 Visit the Bark+Build competition/auction and Adoption Pavilion at NorthPark Center, featuring unique pet homes and adoptable pets to support the SPCA of Texas! spca.org

### The Salvation Army "Give a Gift That Lasts" Gallery Wall

Dallas | Nov 1 – Dec 1 Adopt an angel through The Salvation Army Angel Tree from November 1 to December 1, and be among the first 500 donors to receive a free Galleria Dallas ornament. galleriadallas.com/holiday

### The Stewpot

This local shelter supports homeless and at-risk individuals, offering basic survival resources and a chance for a fresh start, seeking volunteers to serve around 1,000 meals and beverages daily in the Second Chance Cafe. thestewpot.org

### **Toys for Tots**

The annual event hosted by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve collects new toys for less fortunate children as Christmas gifts and seeks volunteers to help sort toys in the warehouse and distribute them to approved agencies. dfwtoysfortots.org

