



Ways to Give Back This Holiday Season

Greater Houston Area

Bread of Life

Bread of Life, serving Houston for three decades, offers opportunities to volunteer to serve hot meals on certain days or pack relief boxes in the downtown warehouse for children aged 7+, and you can also donate store-bought desserts – don't forget to fill in the waiver when signing up! breadoflifeinc.org

Buffalo Bayou Community Volunteers

Join the Buffalo Bayou Partnership for a community-wide volunteer day on the third Saturday of each month at Buffalo Bayou Park, assisting with tasks like trash pick-up, mulching, silt management, and weed removal; sign up as a family unit on a weekday for 2-4 hours and contribute to restoring the park's former beauty. buffalobayou.org

City Wide Club

City Wide Club hosts annual Thanksgiving and Christmas feasts with volunteer opportunities, and they provide takeaway and in-person dining, offering not only meals but also clothing, medical care, and more, with various ways to assist, including collecting and donating items at multiple locations in the city. citywideclub.com

Houston Food Bank

The Houston Food Bank offers family-friendly volunteering for children as young as six, with various opportunities to help, including inspecting and sorting food, packing family-sized bags, and stocking the Emergency Food Pantry, so register online for volunteer shifts and consider donating food or money or hosting a food drive to support their efforts. houstonfoodbank.org

Kids Meals, Inc.

Kids' Meals, Inc. fights childhood hunger by delivering free meals to children aged five and under in poverty, seeking volunteers and various ways to support their cause. kidsmealsinc.org

Northwest Assistance Ministries

The Season of Blessings program by Northwest Assistance Ministries coordinates support for those in need through volunteers who assist with various tasks, including accepting donations, stocking the pantry, and helping with food and toy distribution; you can also participate in the Reverse Advent Calendar activity, adding a listed food item to a box daily in December and donating it to the NAM Center. namonline.org

Operation Turkey Houston

In 2024, Operation Turkey aims to distribute 55,000 meals on Thanksgiving morning, and volunteers of all ages, including children and their parents, are welcome to help prepare, package and deliver food in the Houston area, offering tasks like decorating food containers and assisting with deliveries. operationturkey.com

Toys for Tots

Toys for Tots brings joy to families in need during the holidays by providing new toys for children, and your kids can join the spirit of giving by choosing toys for another child and dropping them off at collection locations across greater Houston in early December. toysfortots.org

