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Applications Open Until Nov 13, 2026	Toys Books Games	**Mountain Post Santa's Workshop** A registered non-profit located on Fort Carson that helps to provide toys, books, and games to children in need, of active-duty Soldiers in Colorado. To participate in this program; you must go through the application process. You will need a current LES or SRB and DD 1172-2.	**Phone**: (719) 650-1937 **Address**: 5769 Wallace St, Bldg. 1045 **City & State**: Fort Carson, CO **Webpage**: CLICK OR SCAN
Dates Coming Soon!	Holiday Gifts Toys	**Warrior's Warehouse Toy Giveaway 2026** Information coming soon!	**Phone**: (402) 659-8755 **Address**: 5769 Wallace St, Bldg. 1045 **City & State**: Fort Carson, CO **Webpage**: CLICK OR SCAN
Giveaway on Oct 29, 2026. 10 AM – 1 PM	Coats of all sizes	**Warrior's Warehouse Coat Giveaway** Coats in all sizes, new or gently used and washed. Open to all active-duty ranks in need. Some sizes will be limited. Giveaway will be at the William Reed Special Events Center 6550 Specker Ave., Bldg. 1829, Fort Carson, CO	**Phone**: (402) 659-8755 **Address**: 5769 Wallace St, Bldg. 1045 **City & State**: Fort Carson, CO **Webpage**: CLICK OR SCAN
Open Year Round Event on Nov 24	Seasonal Employment	**Seasonal Employment Opportunities** On November 24th, the ACS Employment Readiness Program will host a "Holiday Coffee Conversations" event where you can network with HR professionals who have available seasonal job opportunities.	**Phone**: (719) 526-0452 **Address**: 6303 Wetzel Ave., Bldg. 1526 **City & State**: Fort Carson, CO **Webpage**: CLICK OR SCAN
Open Year Round	Food resources	**Operation Helping Hand with the Religious Support Office** This program is managed by the Fort Carson Religious Support Office and provides immediate and direct support for Soldiers and their Families facing food insecurity. For support, contact your Unit Ministry Team.	Contact your Unit Ministry Team **City & State**: Fort Carson, CO **Email**: FCCOChaplainRMTeam@army.mil **Webpage**: CLICK OR SCAN

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Applications Open Nov 1st	Toys Books Games	**Christmas Unlimited** Provides holiday toys to families in El Paso and Teller counties through a store-like distribution center where parents can choose gifts for their children.	**Phone**: (719) 597-1821 **Address**: 2204 E Boulder St. **City & State**: Colorado Springs, CO **Email:** christmasunlimitedinc@gmail.com **Webpage**: CLICK OR SCAN
Year Round	Christmas Gifts Meals Mental Health Financial	**Catholic Charities of Central Colorado and El Paso County** Offers holiday assistance for families and individuals in need, including groceries, holiday meals, children's gifts, stocking stuffers, and decorations.	**Phone**: (719) 636-2345 **Address**: 228 N Cascade Ave. **City & State**: Colorado Springs, CO **Webpage**: CLICK OR SCAN
Year Round	School Supplies Winter Coats Holiday Meals Toys	**Salvation Army at Fountain Valley** Provides seasonal assistance such as Thanksgiving meals, Christmas food boxes, toys for children, winter coats, and school supplies. Registration is required.	**Phone**: (719) 382-1182 **Address**: 208 Cunningham Drive **City & State**: Colorado Springs, CO **Webpage**: CLICK OR SCAN
Dates Coming Soon!	Holiday Gifts	**Operation Christmas Spirit through Operation Help a Hero** Provides Christmas assistance to active-duty and Gold Star military families experiencing a crisis. Nominations are accepted from units at Fort Carson, Peterson AFB, and other locations. Eligibility requires verification of service status and need; placement on the wait list does not guarantee adoption or assistance.	**Email:** info@operationhelpahero.org **Webpage**: CLICK OR SCAN

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Dates Coming Soon!	Toys Holiday Gifts Holiday Meals	**Operation Homefront – Holiday Toy Drive** Provides holiday toys and support to active-duty, veteran, and wounded military families through its longstanding partnership with Dollar Tree. **Operation Homefront – Holiday Meals for Military Families** Provides holiday meals to deployed, wounded, and veteran military families to help ease seasonal expenses and recognize their service and sacrifices.	**Phone**: (210) 659-7756 **Webpage**: CLICK OR SCAN
Dates Coming Soon!	Decorated Christmas Tree	**The Christmas Tree Project** Their mission is to give away fully decorated Christmas trees to families in need.	**Phone**: (719) 799-6074 **Address**: 4575 Galley Rd, Suite 200 E **City & State**: Colorado Springs, CO **Email**: info@thechristmastreeproject.org **Webpage**: CLICK OR SCAN
Open Year Round	Toys Holiday Assistance Holiday Meals	**2-1-1** Connects individuals and families with local resources and services. Soldiers with families outside the Fort Carson area can contact their local 211 to find holiday assistance in their community.	**Phone**: 2-1-1 **Text**: Your Zip Code to 898-211 **Webpage**: CLICK OR SCAN
Applications open Nov. 1, 2026	Heat Payment Assistance	**LEAP - Low-income Energy Assistance Program** Helps eligible Colorado households pay a portion of their winter home-heating costs.	**Phone**: (866) 432-8435 **Address**: 1575 Sherman St. **City & State**: Denver, CO 80203 **Webpage**: CLICK OR SCAN

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Applications open Sept 1, 2026	Grocery Gift Card Gifts for Each Child	**Soldiers' Angels – Adopt-a-Family** A holiday-support program that matches eligible military and veteran families with individual, business, or community sponsors. Sponsors provide children's gifts and a grocery gift card to help the family celebrate the holiday season.	**Phone**: (210) 629-0020 **Email**: holidaysupport@soldiersangels.org **Webpage**: CLICK OR SCAN
Open Year Round	Rent & Mortgage Assistance Transportation Household & Clothing Food Pantry Medical Assistance	**Mercy's Gate – Home for the Holidays** A seasonal assistance program that helps eligible El Paso County residents maintain stable housing during the holiday season by providing partial rent or mortgage assistance based on individual need.	**Phone**: (719) 277-7470 **Address**: 4360 Montebello Dr., #300 **City & State**: Colorado Springs, CO **Email**: info@thechristmastreeproject.org **Webpage**: CLICK OR SCAN
Saturday, December 19, 2026	Toys Gift Cards	**Bob Telmosse' Christmas Giveaway** Provides Christmas gift cards to families with children ages 0–18 at the Colorado Springs Event Center. Children must be present to receive a gift card.	**Phone**: (719) 646-0896 **Address**: 1045 Lower Gold Camp Rd **City & State**: Colorado Springs, CO **Email**: info@santa-bob.org **Webpage**: CLICK OR SCAN
Tentative Date of Dec 5, 2026	Holiday Tree	**Trees For Troops** Provides free live Christmas trees to DoD ID card holders on a first-come, first-served basis, typically beginning in late November or early December.	**Phone**: (314) 416-2245 **Email**: info@christmasspiritfoundation.org **Webpage**: CLICK OR SCAN

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Thanksgiving & Christmas Meal Dates Coming Soon for 2026	Holiday Meals	**Colorado National Guard – Meal Assistance** Provides holiday meal assistance to Colorado Army and Air National Guard Service members and families in need through a partnership between the Colorado National Guard Family Program and Colorado National Guard Foundation.	**Phone**: (720) 250-1000 **Webpage**: **Webpage**: CLICK OR SCAN
Dates Coming Soon for 2026	Holiday Gifts Gift Cards	**Colorado National Guard – Adopt-a-Family** Provides holiday gifts or gift cards for children ages 0–18 in current Colorado National Guard families experiencing need. The program is open to families of all faiths and religions.	
Dates Coming Soon for 2026	Holiday Gifts Toys	**Colorado National Guard – Santa Shop** A holiday celebration for registered Service members and families featuring refreshments, children's activities, Santa photos, free stocking stuffers, and donated gifts. Attendance is open to all registered families; financial need is not required.	

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Good Shepherd United Methodist Church (719) 392-5782	1201 Leta Dr. Colorado Springs	Mostly canned goods and bags of food are offered at the church pantry.
God's Pantry Ministry (719) 382-0643	102 North Main Street Fountain	Emergency boxes of goods, female products, hygiene goods, and other support is given. There may also be clothes for the homeless.
St. John's Baptist Church (719) 633-7017	902 S Prospect Street Colorado Springs	Some of what may be offered includes basic needs such as clothing, canned food, fresh fruits, and volunteers may serve a hot meal.
Living Hope Church (719) 473-9436 for hours or an appointment.	640 Manitou Blvd. Colorado Springs	Some of what is offered includes perishable items (fruits, meats, eggs), canned goods including pasta, or maybe baby formula. Call for hours.
Fellow Bible Church 719-533-2433	4159 Centennial Blvd Colorado Springs	Provides groceries, meals, and support in El Paso County.
Family Christian Center (719) 636-2191	3018 Virginia Ave. Colorado Springs	Volunteers and social workers strive to address hunger. Children, the disabled, homeless, and indigent may all get groceries and more from the food bank.
Care and Share Sunny Side Markets	**Colorado Springs Location** 1520 Verde Dr, 80910 (719) 888-6851 Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursday, 2 p.m. – 6 p. m. By appointment only **Pueblo Location** 1230 E. 8th St., 81001 (719) 470-1004 By appointment only	Sunny Side Market is a network of local food pantries owned and operated by Care and Share Food Bank. All of the food they provide is free of charge, and served in a warm, dignified, and respectful shopping experience. Sunny Side Market is about choice. They have a variety of food available that can help create full meals for you and your loved ones to enjoy around the table. Fresh fruits and vegetables, Fresh meats and poultry, Dairy products, Canned goods, Cereals and boxed goods,

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Springs Food Pantry	1930 W Colorado Ave. Colorado Springs	The Springs Food Pantry has been serving the southern Colorado and surrounding areas for over 26 years. We are the only no boundaries pantry in southern Colorado. This means we will serve anyone who comes to our pantry. Our customers range from single moms with children, the elderly, the homeless, to families and people who can't afford food. We currently serve 300 families a month.
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) 1-855-855-4626	Apply Online at: Colorado PEAK website	The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) helps low-income households in Colorado purchase food. It provides a monthly benefit that helps families and individuals buy the food they need for good health.
Colorado Pet Pantry	For locations of pet food pop-up pantries, visit the link à	CLICK HERE FOR LOCATIONS You are eligible to receive pet food from the Colorado Pet Pantry every two months no matter the location. (You can only go to one location every two months).
Mercy's Gate – Holiday Meal Kit	4360 Montebello Drive Suite #300, Colorado Springs, CO 80918 (719) 277-7470	If you are a neighbor in need to assistance, go to Mercy's Gate to pick up a Holiday Meal Kit during open ministry sessions from Nov. 14-Dec. 23. On whichever available date you choose, you'll come to Mercy's Gate and receive a meal and a Holiday Meal Kit. As a reminder, each kit will contain classics like turkey, sweet potatoes and dinner rolls ready to be cooked and enjoyed with your loved ones. LEARN MORE HERE!
Crossfire Ministries	3975 N. Academy Blvd, Colorado Springs, CO 80917 719-447-1806	No-cost groceries, clothing and care for the times when life presses in. Tuesday – Thursday 10am – 3pm and 2nd Saturday of each month, 10am – 1pm
Open Arms Food Pantry – Food Distribution Center	6540 Templeton Gap Rd, Colorado Springs, CO 80923 (719) 591-1800	Monday – Thursday 1pm – 4pm Bring current ID and proof of El Paso County address. Stay in your vehicle. Not feeling well? Send someone you trust with your ID and proof of address.
Community Food Pantry	3219 S. Academy Blvd. Colorado Springs, CO 80916	Weekly: Tuesdays and Fridays 2pm-6pm Monthly: Drive-thru food distribution!! *Second Friday of every month. *Please bring your own bags if you can. (pick your own items with limits). They also have dry dog food, just ask for it.*

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Program	Information
24/7 Domestic Violence Hotline	Victim Advocacy services are available to Service members, their current or former spouses, an individual with whom the Service member shares a child, and significant others of Service members who live together. Services are available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. **(719) 243-7907**. https://carson.armymwr.com/programs/victim-advocacy-program
988 Lifeline	Everyone reacts to stress and traumatic experiences differently. While some have reactions that can be seen as normal responses to life events, others may experience signs or symptoms of more serious conditions. Mental health and substance use conditions can affect anyone; you are not alone. If you or someone you know needs support now, **call or text 9-8-8** or chat at 988Lifeline.org. 988 connects you with a trained crisis counselor who can help.
Mountain Post Behavioral Health	Mental (behavioral) health clinic offers targeted care. Targeted care helps to give you the right mental health support for your specific needs, whether it's an individual appointment, group therapy or non-clinical support. https://evans.tricare.mil/Health-Services/Mental-Behavioral-Health
Military OneSource	Provides 24/7 confidential counseling, financial planning, and wellness support. https://www.militaryonesource.mil/confidential-counseling/
Military and Family Life Counselors	Offers free confidential counseling through Military & Family Life Counselors (MFLCs) who specialize in short-term, solution-focused support, provides comprehensive services and support to Soldiers and their families to help them navigate the challenges of military life. https://carson.armymwr.com/programs/military-and-family-life-counselors-mflc
I Matter	I Matter connects youth 18 and younger (and 21 and younger for those receiving special education services) with a licensed therapist for up to 6 free counseling sessions. No insurance, credit card, or legal status information is required. Sessions are available in person or virtual by computer. https://imattercolorado.org/

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Army Emergency Relief	Army Emergency Relief is a non-profit organization that provides financial assistance in an unforeseen emergency situation to Active-Duty Soldiers, Family Members, Retiree, Retiree's Family Members, Widows and Widowers. The assistance is provided as a loan, grant or a combination of both. Applications are may be submitted online. https://carson.armymwr.com/AER
Financial Readiness	Want to take charge of your finances? Learn about debt, consumer advocacy and protection, money management, credit, financial planning, insurance, and consumer issues. Through classroom training and individual counseling, participants can learn how to save and invest money, establish savings goals, eliminate debt, and save for emergencies. https://carson.armymwr.com/programs/acs/financial-readiness
Family Advocacy	Promotes individual, couple, and family wellness by offering a comprehensive prevention program that includes awareness, education and support. Services include workshops to help strengthen relationships of Army Families. Classes and workshops are offered to commanders, military units/troops, professionals and families. Prevention and support services include New Parent Support Program (home visitation), Nurturing Parenting Programs, and the Victim Advocacy Program. https://carson.armymwr.com/programs/acs/family-advocacy
Information, Referral, & Follow-Up	Provides information regarding community resources. Also known as I&R, it is the initial point of contact at the Army Community Service (ACS) Center. Staff links customers with on-post or off-post agencies and services. If you are new or it's been a while since you've been in to visit ACS, come meet with us to complete an assessment form; it helps us to provide you with more specific types of services and programs. https://carson.armymwr.com/programs/information-referral-follow
New Parent Support	Promotes healthy Families through a variety of services including home visits, support groups, and parenting classes. NPSP is a strengths-base, Family-centered developmental approach to educate all parents/guardians on protective factors that support child development and reduce risk for child abuse and neglect. Help Soldiers and Families learn to cope with stress, isolation, post-deployment reunions, and the everyday demands of parenthood. https://carson.armymwr.com/programs/new-parent-support-program
Survivor Outreach Services	Connects surviving Families with people who can help. Services include grief counseling, financial counseling, benefits coordination, support groups, peer to peer support and information about garrison and surrounding events. https://carson.armymwr.com/programs/acs/survivor-outreach-services
AND MANY MORE!	To include, Army Volunteer Corps, Mobilization & Deployment, Employment Readiness, Exceptional Family Member Program, Relocation Readiness, Newcomers, Multicultural Support, Soldier and Family Readiness, and more. To learn more about these programs or services, call +1(719)526-4590 or visit https://carson.armymwr.com/acs

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