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Applications close November 5, 2021	Mountain Post Santa's Workshop A registered non-profit located on Fort Carson that helps to provide new toys, books, and games to children in need, of active duty Soldiers in Colorado.	Toys Books Games	CLICK HERE! LES/SRB and DD Form 1172-2 Required to apply.
	Warrior's Warehouse Redistribution Center A redistribution center that supplies Active Duty Personnel and their families, E-5 and below with FREE household items once every 30 days. These items are new to like new. They reserve the right to limit quantities.	Household Items	CLICK HERE!
Now through November	Salvation Army Fountain Valley Corps - Angel Tree program Christmas and holiday gifts are provided. Assistance is offered for children from low income families. Free gifts, toys, clothing, and much more is provided for disadvantaged children.	Holiday Gifts Toys Clothing More	CLICK HERE! (719) 382-1182 Email: USW.SALVATIONARMY.Org
Applications open November 2021 – April 2022	LEAP - Low-income Energy Assistance Program A federally funded program that helps eligible hard-working Colorado pay a portion of their winter home heating costs.	Heat Bill Pay	CLICK HERE! 1-866-HEAT-HELP (1-866-432-8435)
	The Christmas Tree Project Their mission is to give away fully decorated Christmas trees to families in need.	Holiday Tree	CLICK HERE!

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Follow their Facebook page	<p>Operation Homefront</p> <p>Offers many programs for military families throughout the year and Christmas is no exception. The organization partners with Dollar Tree to provide toys for military children. To receive a gift, you must register for your local Operation Homefront Toy Distribution. If your family lacks the funds for a holiday meal, you can also attend one of the organization’s holiday meal events and receive all of the fixings for the perfect Christmas dinner.</p>	Toys Holiday Gifts Holidays Meals	<p>Toys and Gifts: CLICK HERE!</p> <p>Meals: CLICK HERE!</p>
Now	<p>Soldiers’ Angels – Adopt-a-Family</p> <p>Military families usually live on a very tight budget, so putting together a Christmas or other winter holiday celebration can be a real challenge for some of them. The goal in helping these military families is to show America’s gratitude with presents for the children and a grocery gift card or prepaid Visa gift card for them to purchase their holiday dinner and trimmings.</p>	Grocery Gift Card Visa Gift Card	<p>To register for support or to support a family:</p> <p>CLICK HERE!</p>
Dates Coming Soon	<p>Christmas Unlimited</p> <p>During the holiday season, Christmas Unlimited collects and distributes toys to the families in need in El Paso and Teller counties in a store-like environment, empowering parents to select gifts for their children.</p> <p>What sets Christmas Unlimited apart from similar programs is its method of gift distribution. The Christmas Unlimited Distribution Center is set-up like a retail store. Parents are issued shopping passes (points are allocated based on the number of children they have) to shop our distribution center and pick out Christmas gifts for their children. This allows the client to select what they want for their children and empowers them to be the most important part of the process.</p>	Holiday Gifts Toys	<p>CLICK HERE!</p>

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	Full Circle Home A not-for-profit organization that connects deployed service members with their loved ones across the country and on bases around the world. Since 2007, Full Circle Home has helped over 26,000 troops send their holiday gifts and love notes to their Heroes at Home. <i>They are currently working with units for Christmas 2021. If you would like us to support your unit/ship, please have your chaplain, FRO, FRG or Ombudsman contact us preferably BEFORE you deploy.</i>	Gift Packages	CLICK HERE!
Now	Spirit of Sharing The Adopt-A-Military Family program provides commissary cards, gifts, toys and much more to military families in need.	Commissary Cards Gifts Toys More	CLICK HERE!
	El Paso County Toys for Tots Offered by the US Marine Cops and local charities. Free toys and Christmas gifts are passed out to qualified, registered kids under the age of 14.	Holiday Gifts Toys	CLICK HERE!
Opens November 11, 2021	Operation Christmas Spirit Their mission is to spread the Spirit of Christmas and share their appreciation for the sacrifices our active duty military families make for our country.	Holiday Gifts	CLICK HERE!

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Dates TBD	TESSA's Annual Holiday Shoppe! They provide gifts for children for the Holidays. They give their clients the opportunity to shop for their children and provide them with gifts that they might not be able to get this year. The children also have the opportunity to shop for their parent.	Holiday Gifts Toys	CLICK HERE!
Thanksgiving Meal November 1-15 Christmas Meal November 27 - December 16	Colorado National Guard – Meal Assistance This program uses generous donations from fellow Guardsmen and community partners to help supply meals for Colorado National Guard Service Members and Families in need during the November and December holidays. No matter where you live or what deployment status you are in, you can register to receive meal assistance!	Holiday Meals	CLICK HERE!
Now – 19 November	Colorado National Guard – Adopt-a-Family For those interested in receiving some assistance for their family this year, the type of support provided is specific to the individuals who have registered. For example, those that register for the Adopt-a-Family program can specify that they need sweatshirts, size L, in dark colors. Adopt-a-Family works very well for individuals with specific needs or for Families that have children who will receive no other holiday gifts. All Colorado National Guard Service Members in need are invited to register their Families to be 'adopted' through the program!	General Needs Holiday Gifts	CLICK HERE!
	Colorado National Guard – Santa Shop Community partners and individuals provide new, unopened, and unwrapped toy donations, that allows The Colorado National Guard Family Program Office to host two Santa Shop events throughout the state of Colorado. The locations are the Denver Metro and Colorado Springs. National Guard families select gifts to supplement what they cannot afford. Cookies and hot cocoa will be provided, along with crafts for the kids and a gift wrapping station for mom and dad! AND Santa will make a special appearance.	Holiday Gifts Toys	CLICK HERE!

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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 good, 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.
Billie Spielman Community Center Call 719-344-8994, and be sure to select option 2	1616 West Bijou Street Colorado Springs	Staff and volunteers distribute free food, meals, groceries, and, maybe most importantly, referrals and information.

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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 Food Bank for Southern Colorado (719) 528-1247	2605 Preamble Pt Colorado Springs	At Care and Share Food Bank, we believe that no one should go hungry. Every day we provide food to partner agencies across Southern Colorado.
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 →	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).

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