



KCAPS
Kingsburg Community Assistance
Programs and Services

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OCTOBER 2021

NEWSLETTER



SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

If you have participated in bell ringing the last few years, you should have or will soon receive a text or phone call asking if you will ring the bell this year. If you TEXT Amanda at 559 426-0320 she can either refer you to our on-line calendar or help you calendar your selected date.

If you didn't receive a text or phone call or haven't volunteered before you may volunteer by contacting our office and asking for JoAnn (897-7961).

The Salvation Army is requiring that all bell ringers wear masks regardless of vaccination status.

Thanks in advance for volunteering! 10% of the funds raised go directly to the Salvation Army for administration and other areas of ministry. Last year they were able to help a number of Creek Fire victims and supported the fire fighters while on duty. **90% of the funds raised stay in Kingsburg to help your neighbors in need.** Your cash and checks are appreciated.



ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE – NOVEMBER – DOING IT AGAIN THE COVID WAY

For more than 25 years – November has brought the Young Life Canned Food Drive for KCAPS. This year, we feel that asking large groups to gather to collect, sort, and box the donations would be inappropriate. We are therefore going to change how this is done. Hopefully next year we can return to our traditional way. **As with any other year – this food drive is extremely important to our operation.** Last year KCAPS provided enough food to make approximately 39,570 meals. Our food bank is busy, and we need to keep it full. **Please plan to participate!**

FOOD DRIVE CHANGES FOR 2021 Doing the food drive the COVID way

Bags will be dropped on your doorstep prior to November 14th

NOVEMBER 15th - NOVEMBER 22nd

PLEASE DELIVER YOUR FILLED BAG TO KCAPS

(1139 Draper Street – Kingsburg)

Office Door Delivery - Monday thru Thursday 9:00 – 12:00

also

Back-of-store delivery (same place as store donations) Monday thru Saturday 9:00 – 3:00

Our goal is 28,000 pounds of food.

Thank you. We are counting on your donation!

Prayer requests: ☺For successful Food Drive and Toy Store events ☺As we get our tutoring centers operational ☺For our staff during this upcoming time of year – it is busy, fun, rewarding, and stressful ☺As we look to fill critical staff positions – we need the right people ☺For our clients -particularly those with mental health issues ☺For those that daily come through our doors. We see so many hurting people. ☺ Praise for HIS blessings! ☺Praise for our ministry partners



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CHRISTMAS WITH DIGNITY – TOY STORES



What is this ministry about? Rather than just giving away toys – we put together special toy stores in Kingsburg, London, and Traver. Parents sign up – pay a nominal fee of \$5.00 per child (or less if we feel it is warranted) – and then can shop themselves for brand new toys and clothing for each of their children. That’s where the dignity comes in. Just like you, these parents want to provide for their own children. This allows them to do that, by giving them an opportunity for a hand-up, not a handout. We bundle the gifts according to age and gender – each bundle being valued at \$35.00 – or more. The gifts are obtained through donations of new unwrapped toys, or financial gifts to KCAPS. We take the designated funds and go shopping, for thousands of dollars of toys and clothing.

Although it’s October we are already in the planning stages for these important, BIG, successful events. In past years we have had **500 - 700 children** a year blessed through this ministry. **This year we feel these events are more important than ever. We are seeing reports of high incidents of depression in children. There are no two ways about it, families are stressed! You can help.**

We never know the actual number of children to anticipate until the signup period is over. During the signup process we do our best to discern between families who truly need this ministry and those who may wish to take advantage.



Every year our staff also identifies children we believe need a special boost and some positive attention in their lives. These children come from families who did not sign up to participate. Typically, their parents for one reason or another aren’t functioning well in life, and their children are reaping the consequences. Toys are selected and delivered by staff or one of our local pastors.

Traditionally, our toys have been donated primarily by local churches and through the Kingsburg Elementary schools. Frankly we feel the schools have enough on their plates, so we are not collecting through the schools this year.



We don’t want to leave out a single deserving child! **Please let us know now how you plan to help.**



This is less than 1/12th the amount of gifts needed for Kingsburg alone.

This year we have four community drop off locations for your toy donations.

- KCAPS office - 1139 Draper Street Mon – Thurs 9:00 – 12:00
- Kingsburg Chamber of Commerce - 1475 Draper Street Mon-Fri 9:00 – 5:00
- Kingsburg City Hall – 1401 Draper Street Mon – Fri 8:00 – 5:00

Toy donations may also be taken to a participating church.

Financial donations allow KCAPS’ Staff to shop on your behalf . Please mail your check to 1139 Draper Street. Please notate Christmas on your check.

Please make your financial donation, or donations of new unwrapped toys before December 1st.

Please feel free to share the included informational sheet with your neighbors. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



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(SPONSORED BY KCAPS)

KCAPS NEEDS DONATED TOYS NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1ST

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- We bundle the gifts according to age and gender, each bundle being valued at \$35.00 – or more.
- The gifts are obtained through donations of new unwrapped toys, or financial gifts to KCAPS.
- Each year between **500 -700** children receive toys through this ministry.
- Because of continued COVID we expect larger numbers of children
- We are seeing high levels of stress and depression in children. You can help bring joy to a child's life, and ease the burden on a struggling family.



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- 1) You can order gifts from Amazon, Walmart, Target, or other vendors and have them shipped directly to KCAPS.
- 2) **DONATION SITES:** If you like to shop - please take your gift directly to KCAPS, the Kingsburg Chamber Office, City Hall, or a participating church.
- 3) Financial donations allow KCAPS' Staff to shop on your behalf. If you do send us a check – please notate toys or Christmas on the check.

KCAPS' mailing and delivery address: 1139 Draper Street, Kingsburg
Donations to KCAPS are tax deductible.

CHRISTMAS WITH DIGNITY

PLEASE DELIVER TO KCAPS BY DECEMBER 1ST

TOY and GIFT IDEAS

Ages 0 – 4

- Stuffed toys (no buttons for eyes or noses)
- Baby dolls
- Toy trucks – age appropriate
- Learning toys
- Blocks

Ages 5 – 10

- Sports balls
- Sports equipment
- Bike helmets
- Baby dolls
- Toy trucks
- Legos
- Barbies
- Action figures
- Craft kits
- Age appropriate games

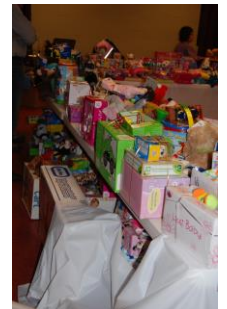
Ages 11 – 13

Girls:

- Jewelry boxes
- Body sprays and powders
- Costume jewelry
- Fleece sweatshirts – please no brand logos, skulls, violent, or gang references
- Glove/hat/scarf sets

Boys:

- Bike helmets
- Sports equipment
- Sports bags
- Fleece sweatshirts – please no brand logos, skulls, violent, or gang references



and GAMES
for all ages

We suggest purchasing at places like Walmart, Target, and Old Navy.

DELIVER YOUR DONATIONS TO KCAPS' OFFICE or other listed location
1139 Draper Street Mon – Thurs 9-12 Your donation is tax deductible