



KCAPS' NEWSLETTER

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!



KCAPS FOOD DRIVE

NOVEMBER 10TH – 17TH

Please **DELIVER** your food donation to:

KCAPS - 1139 Draper Street

BETWEEN NOVEMBER 10TH and NOVEMBER 17TH

Delivery options:

Office Mon-Fri 9:00-12:00

Behind Thrift Store: Mon-Sat 9:00-3:00

DID YOU KNOW?

In addition to the food statistics related below, our Neighborhood Market Food Distribution in Traver (which is funded separately) has provided an additional 13,500 meals?

Did you forget; it's not too late! We are happy to receive food donations any day we are open. Too tired to deliver? We have also been receiving canned food ordered online and shipped directly to us. It works out great! (Please, NO glass jars.)

To those who have already donated – **THANK YOU!**

DID YOU RECEIVE YOUR INVITATION?

**VOLUNTEER
and
DONOR BANQUET**

Tuesday, December 2nd

5:00 – 7:00

Covenant Church
1490 Lincoln Street

RSVP to KCAPS' Office
by November 28th

Monthly grant funds from Kingsburg Healthcare District help us provide food etc., and tutoring. Eggs, milk, cheese, potatoes, and butter wouldn't happen otherwise!

Thank you to the City of Kingsburg for a one time grant of \$10,000 to help buy food during the government shutdown.

KCAPS' "FOODCONOMICS"

January – October 2025

- Visits for food 2,039[^]
- Individuals served 5,944
- Meals provided 29,720*

*Goal - Average 5 + meals per person in household

[^]One time per month maximum. Many households come less often.



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DOES CHRISTMAS WITH DIGNITY REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE?



We want you to know that we are very grateful for your part in our ministry. Our **Christmas with Dignity Toy Stores** are one vital component of reaching and loving those we serve. We never can predict the number of children who will be signed up each year. **Last year it was over 700!**

The life stories we have been privileged to hear repeatedly confirm to us that this ministry has deeply impacted the lives of those it reaches. To some parents who are struggling financially, these toy stores ensure that their children receive more than the miniscule amount they would otherwise be able to afford to give them, and they are grateful.

To some, these events have been profound life changers. These events have served young parents who are unexpectedly single and are reeling from the recent loss of a marriage due to the death of a spouse, or as the result of a partner's affair and abandonment. Not only is there emotional fallout, but financial loss as well. We have served grandparents who are suddenly the custodial parents of troubled grandchildren. They had been surviving on a fixed income and without warning had extra people to feed and provide for. Grandparents come through our doors stressed and desperate for extra food and clothing for the children, not knowing how they can begin to provide even the basics, let alone anything extra for them. (There have been many more of those situations than you would expect.)

Children in extremely difficult circumstances have been identified by our staff. Staff signed up the children, shopped for them, and delivered the presents. Often in those circumstances, extra new clothing items have been delivered as well. In one circumstance, what was delivered turned out to be the only clean and appropriate clothing the children owned.

Our current economy is certainly putting financial stress on many families. COVID is looking further and further behind us, but it was only 5 years ago; and we daily see the remaining effects. Some families learned to pull together – some came apart at the seams. Some are still trying to put their lives back on track. Some have been so profoundly and negatively impacted that they will never be the same. In any case we are pleased to serve them.

We will never forget the generosity of spirit that we have seen in this community. It has been humbling and amazing to see. Some of you have been asking what we need at this time. **An additional page explains more about this Christmas ministry and outlines gift details and different ways to bless others.** Thank you for what you are willing to do. For those who have been so generous, we pray extra blessings upon you.

If you are aware of a family that needs help during this season, please send them our way. Sign-ups for the Toy Stores end just before Thanksgiving. We appreciate those who do not wait until the last minute to sign up for assistance.

We really appreciate those who donate early! Shopping for multiple gifts for up to 700 kids takes time!



SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

It is also time to sign up to ring those bells. Please contact JoAnn at our office to get on the schedule early! (see the number below)

90% of the money raised stays in Kingsburg!

Much of the rest helps in regional disasters such as the Creek Fire and the Tulare Lake Basin flooding.

PRAYER REQUESTS

~For successful Food and Toy Drives. ~For those experiencing the recent loss of a loved one ~For staff, their families, and volunteers who are struggling with medical issues ~ Praise that our new parking will arrive shortly! ~Praise for our ministry partners ~ For those with seasonal depression ~That in the bustle of the season we remember who we serve and why!





CHRISTMAS WITH DIGNITY TOY STORES

(SPONSORED BY KCAPS)

KCAPS NEEDS DONATED TOYS NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 28TH

What is this ministry about? Rather than just giving away toys – we put together special toy stores in Kingsburg, London, and Traver.

- Parents 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.
- Each year between **500 -700** children receive toys through this ministry.
- 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, 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

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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.

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1139 Draper Street **Mon – Thurs 9-12** Your donation is tax deductible.