



EL PASO CONNECTION

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EL PASOANS SUPPORT EMERGENCY CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE AND FORGOTTEN ANGELS

Over 460 families applied for Angel Tree Christmas assistance in 2021, marking the highest registration to date for The Salvation Army of El Paso. Gifts were distributed from December 16-17.

If supplies are available, gifts will be distributed for emergency applicants who miss the deadline. "We prepare those gifts the way we do forgotten angels," says one volunteer.

Unfortunately, each year there are angel tags that aren't selected, gifts that aren't returned, or gifts brought after the deadline. Those are the "forgotten angels."

The Salvation Army plans accordingly to provide gifts for forgotten angels and ensure that no child is left out. Each angel tag on the tree represents a child in need. Some have names and specific information while others are nameless and only specify gender and age. These gifts are used to provide for the forgotten angels.

"Angel Tree is about helping those most vulnerable, yet our objectives extend far beyond the holiday season," says Joanna Estrada, Angel Tree Coordinator. "The program may be some families' first experience of the support available from their community and a potential first step towards seeking other assistance."

The Salvation Army is here in El Paso offering love, hope, and compassion.



WHEN YOU GIVE HOPE MARCHES ON

467 families received Christmas assistance in El Paso.



BIGGEST CHRISTMAS SPONSOR

El Dorado High School Takes the Top Spot Again for Angel Tree 2021

Christmas is the season of giving, and people all around El Paso participate in providing gifts for children in need.

There are new sponsors as well as returning participants. For El Dorado High School, the Angel Tree program is a guaranteed annual tradition. Students and teachers organize their efforts on a large scale to provide gifts for 200 angels. This is the largest sponsorship in the program!

This year, El Dorado High School students found creative solutions amid COVID-19 complications and transportation difficulties. After school, a team of students used their own vehicles to deliver gifts to the Christmas Distribution Center.





450 FOOD BOXES
425 TURKEYS/HAMS

7112 TOYS
4,080 APPAREL ITEMS
116 BICYCLES



467 FAMILIES
1,185 ANGELS

31,852
TOTAL MEALS SERVED



1,960
NIGHTS OF SHELTER



\$24,973.38
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*THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP THIS
CHRISTMAS SEASON!*



Your support makes a difference.

The Salvation Army serves 30 million Americans each year across more than 7,000 centers of operation, young or old, and at any stage in life.

Today, many people struggle to escape poverty. The Army's faith-based mission embraces that all people should be treated with dignity, and no one should be defined by their challenges or circumstances.

Only with the public's support can The Salvation Army provide services every day of the year right here in El Paso.

Visit salvationarmytexas.org/elpaso for more information about how to help.

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