

# The Giving Guide

## Ways to “Give Back” Year ‘round & During the Holiday Season

The holiday season is a time of year that brings the needs of others into clear focus and is often a time when we find ourselves feeling extra grateful for our own successes. Seize the opportunity this holiday season to keep the chain of good fortune and kindness going.

### Donate Goods or Funds

**Annual Holiday Gift Drives** Sponsor a family or child to help ensure that everyone in your community receives something special for the holidays by providing gifts or needed items for those in need.

**Brown Santa** *Travis County Sheriff's Office*  
[www.brownsanta.org](http://www.brownsanta.org)

**Chuy's Giving to Children**  
[www.chuysparade.com](http://www.chuysparade.com)

**Foundation Communities Holiday Assistance**  
<https://foundcom.org/about/holiday-assistance-program/>

**Operation Blue Santa** *Austin Police Dept*  
[www.bluesanta.org](http://www.bluesanta.org)

**Partnerships for Children Holiday Wishes**  
*Child Protective Services*  
<https://partnershipsforchildren.org/holiday-wishes/>

**Salvation Army Angel Tree**  
<http://salvationarmyaustin.org/programs-that-help/angel-tree>

**Toys for Teens** *Foster Angels of Central Texas* [fosterangelsctx.org](http://fosterangelsctx.org)

### Volunteer Your Skills

As an expansion of donating goods or funds, this is a great giving opportunity for those that are good at organizing and motivating others. Volunteer for a day or host a holiday giving gathering to rally your family, friends, and co-workers to donate.

**The Capital Area Food Bank**  
[www.centraltexasfoodbank.org](http://www.centraltexasfoodbank.org)

**Micah 6**  
[www.micah6austin.org](http://www.micah6austin.org)

**Caritas of Austin**  
[www.caritasofaustin.org](http://www.caritasofaustin.org)

**Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH)**  
[www.frontsteps.org/what-we-do/arch/](http://www.frontsteps.org/what-we-do/arch/)

### Devote Your Time

Volunteering your time is worth its weight in gold! It takes effort and heart to keep a non-profit machine running. One of the best parts is that you get to see the fruits of your donation in-person.

**Meals on Wheels**  
Deliver meals to the homebound  
[www.mealsonwheelscentraltexas.org](http://www.mealsonwheelscentraltexas.org)

**Mobile Loaves and Fishes**  
Serve, deliver or prepare food for the homeless or disabled  
<https://mlf.org/volunteer/>

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Austin**  
Be a mentor and friend  
[www.bigmentoring.org](http://www.bigmentoring.org)

**Drive a Senior**  
Door-to-door rides for seniors  
<https://driveasenior.org>

