



Staple Hill

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The Salvation Army Christmas Appeal 2020

Each year The Salvation Army, Staple Hill organise a Christmas Present Appeal which aims to bring joy to the lives of people who would otherwise have little or nothing under the tree on Christmas morning. We work in partnership with South Gloucestershire Social Services and other agencies to provide gifts to children and their families. We also provide many of these families with food hampers to ensure that the whole family has an enjoyable Christmas. During Christmas 2019 we gave gifts to over 530 people throughout South Gloucestershire.

Additionally, in our community centre in Staple Hill, we usually host Christmas day for individuals who would otherwise be alone on this special day. We provide them with a traditional Christmas dinner, a family atmosphere with seasonal entertainment and a food hamper and gift to take home, this is all free of charge. Last year we were host to about 70 people. Due to Covid, our Christmas Day activities are unable to take place as normal this year, but we are still home delivering a hot dinner and other goodies to people who need it.

All this is only possible due to volunteers and the generous donations of money and gifts we receive from the public, so if you can help in any way we would be very grateful.

As you do your Christmas shopping maybe you could buy an extra gift. Gifts can be anything you choose. We are looking for gifts for children aged 0 to 18 years and gifts for adults on Christmas Day. All gifts need to be brand new and unwrapped, please. We are often short of gifts for children under 3 and over 10 so if you were able to provide these that would be much appreciated. The gifts need to be at The Salvation Army Staple Hill by Monday morning 7th December, ready to sort and distribute before Christmas Day.

We also provide emergency food parcels to people throughout the year so we are always happy to accept donations of non-perishable food for our store.

The Salvation Army have a Hostel for the homeless in Central Bristol called Logos House. They are always grateful to accept donations of items such as brand new scarves, hats, gloves, blankets, sleeping bags and men's toiletries. Their details are as follows: Logos House, Wade Street, Bristol BS2 9EL, 0117 955 2821. Alternatively, you can drop goods off at our Community Centre in Staple Hill and we will ensure they get passed on.

Unfortunately, we are unable to use second hand items.

What we need:

- Brand new gifts for children aged 0 to 18 especially ages under 3 and over 10
- Brand new gifts for adults
- Non-perishable food to distribute throughout the year as emergency food parcels
- Brand new scarves, hats, gloves, blankets and sleeping bags
- Men's & women's toiletries
- We are always happy to accept financial donations to buy the items we need!

When we need it:

Monday 7th December 2020

From 23rd November **Opening Times:** Monday - Thursday 10am-12pm and Sunday 10am-11am

On behalf of the families we represent, thank you so much for your generosity - if you need any further information please don't hesitate to ask.

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