

# SUPPORT OVER THE FESTIVE PERIOD

These organisations are offering a range of support and services to help people of all ages enjoy a bit of festive magic this Christmas.

## **BIG HEARTS DELIVER CHRISTMAS**

Food essentials; Christmas dinners; calls to isolated older people; Christmas day activities for over 65s.

Where: Edinburgh (all localities)  
Referrals: Local agency or relative  
Contact: [christmas@bighearts.org.uk](mailto:christmas@bighearts.org.uk)

## **CRISIS SKYLIGHT EDINBURGH**

Food, clothes, essentials and gifts for homeless and vulnerable adults.

Where: Edinburgh (all localities)  
Referrals: N/A  
Contact: 0131 209 7700 / [edinburgh@crisis.org.uk](mailto:edinburgh@crisis.org.uk)

## **DRYLAW RAINBOW CLUB DAY CENTRE**

Food parcels, goodie bags, gifts for service users, sheltered housing residents and older adults in the area.

Where: North West Locality  
Referrals: N/A  
Contact: [rainbowdaycare7@gmail.com](mailto:rainbowdaycare7@gmail.com)

## **EDINBURGH FOOD SOCIAL**

Food packs and meals delivered to adults, families, older people and young people.

Where: Edinburgh (All localities)  
Referrals: N/A  
Contact: [online](mailto:hello@foodforgoodedinburgh.org) | 07968 090530 | [hello@foodforgoodedinburgh.org](mailto:hello@foodforgoodedinburgh.org)

## **CHILDREN 1ST PARENTLINE**

Voucher to buy a Christmas gift for a child.

Where: Edinburgh (all localities)  
Referrals: N/A  
Contact: 08000 28 22 33

## **DESTINY CHURCH**

Christmas hampers for adults, families, ethnic minorities and carers.

Where: Edinburgh (all localities)  
Referrals: Y People, Vocal, Citadel, The Welcoming, South West (Hampers) Community Mental Health Team, Pilton Youth and Children's Project, Pilton Community Health Project or Safe Families for Children  
Contact: [hampers@destinyedinburgh.com](mailto:hampers@destinyedinburgh.com)

## **EDINBURGH COMMUNITY FOOD**

Christmas hampers for families.

Where: North East, South East and South West Localities  
Referrals: Supported and delivered by locality hubs via partners e.g. FreshStart & PCHP

## **EMPTY KITCHENS, FULL HEARTS**

Home delivery of our daily meal packs (all localities) and hot meal services from their Leith site: 1:30am - 12:30pm and 4:30pm - 5:30pm (Leith Theatre, 28-30 Ferry Road, Leith, EH6 4AE)

Where: Edinburgh (All localities)  
Referrals: N/A  
Contact: 07895 347157 | [hello@emptykitchens.co.uk](mailto:hello@emptykitchens.co.uk)





### **GOODTREES NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE (Food Pantry)**

Membership based with prices starting at £1 per 10 items. A one-off £1 joining fee is applicable at first visit (membership currently open). Next date:

Tue 15 Dec, 1.30pm - 3.30pm.

Where: South East Locality

Referrals: N/A

Contact: 0131 554 3900 | [michelledennis@cyrenians.scot](mailto:michelledennis@cyrenians.scot)

### **GRASSMARKET COMMUNITY PROJECT**

Hot meals and presents for people dealing with multiple complex issues - homelessness, mental/physical health problems, learning difficulties, poverty, substance misuse, physical abuse.

Where: South East Locality

Referrals: N/A

Contact: [info@grassmarket.org](mailto:info@grassmarket.org)

### **LEITH GIVES COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

Food hampers for December; Christmas gifts for children and the isolated; refurbished IT equipment.

Where: North East Locality (Leith)

Referrals: N/A

Contact: 07834 521 519 | [Facebook](#) | [Online](#)

### **LOVE GORGIE**

Free visit to Santa's Grotto, free visit to Love Gorgie Farm, a main Christmas present for a child, Christmas dinner delivery. They also run a foodbank.

Where: Edinburgh (All localities)

Referrals: N/A

Contact: 0131 337 4202 | [christmas@l-o-v-e.org.uk](mailto:christmas@l-o-v-e.org.uk)

### **HIBERNIAN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

Christmas food boxes for families and vulnerable adults.

Where: Edinburgh (all localities)

Referrals: N/A

Contact: [info@hiberniancommunityfoundation.org.uk](mailto:info@hiberniancommunityfoundation.org.uk)

### **LIFT (LOW INCOME FAMILIES TOGETHER)**

Christmas hampers, food packs and presents / toys for low income families in the Muirhouse area of Edinburgh.

Where: North West Locality

Referrals: N/A

Contact: [danielle.lift@outlook.com](mailto:danielle.lift@outlook.com)

### **NORTH EDINBURGH ARTS (Food Pantry)**

£3.50 membership fee provides shopping worth £15/£20 - 10 items + other items like vegetables and fruit. Other offers and freebies may also be available. Wed: 12pm - 4pm, Thu: 9am-1pm, Sat: 10am-1pm

Where: North West Locality

Referrals: N/A

Contact: [katieq@northedinburgharts.co.uk](mailto:katieq@northedinburgharts.co.uk)



### **QUEENSFERRY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

'Ferry Elves' supporting any families needing help with the job of being Santa in 2020.

Where: Queensferry and Dalmeny

Referrals: N/A

Contact: [ferry.elves@gmail.com](mailto:ferry.elves@gmail.com)

### **RED CROSS**

Food parcels and shopping delivered for people self-isolating with no family/local support and under financial hardship (Mon & Tue).

Where: Edinburgh (All Localities)

Referrals: N/A

Contact: 0800 196 3651

### **STEPS TO HOPE CHRISTMAS HANDOUT**

Presents, selection boxes, small food hampers and warm clothing for homeless people and vulnerable adults.

Where: Edinburgh (all localities)

Referrals: Call if you know someone is sleeping rough

Contact: 07949 838 666

### **THE DOVE CENTRE**

Free hot meals delivered 5 days a week (last day 23 Dec) and frozen meals delivered (last day 23rd Dec - £3 per meal) for adults age 50+.

Where: South West Locality

Referrals: N/A

Contact: 0131 453 4656 | [dovecentre@hotmail.com](mailto:dovecentre@hotmail.com)

### **SPACE & BROOMHOUSE HUB**

Cooked meals, food parcels and Christmas hampers delivered in partnership with Ed Community Food.

Where: South West Locality

Referrals: Self or agency referral  
(social work, charity, health worker, housing officer)

Contact: 0131 455 7731 | [event@spacescot.org](mailto:event@spacescot.org)

### **SOUL FOOD**

Meals for people dealing with homelessness, poverty or loneliness.

22 Dec, 5.30pm: Carrubbers Christian Centre, High Street, EH1 1SR

23 Dec, 5.30pm: City of Edin Methodist Church, Nicolson Squ, EH8 9BX

24 Dec, 5.40pm: St Margaret's Church, Easter Rd, EH7 5QE

25 Dec, 1.30pm: Central Hall, W Tollcross, EH3 9BP

Just turn up on 22 & 23, but **ticket is needed for 24 & 25.**

Contact: [hello@soulfoodedinburgh.org](mailto:hello@soulfoodedinburgh.org)

### **WESTER HAILES EATS TOGETHER**

Festive lunch and festive food to takeaway for adults, families and young people.

Where: South West Locality

Referrals: N/A

Contact: 0131 453 9400 | [frontdesk@thehealthagency.org.uk](mailto:frontdesk@thehealthagency.org.uk)

# CONTACTS FOR PEOPLE IN CRISIS

## SCOTTISH WELFARE FUND

For people age 16+ on a low income/receiving benefits

0131 529 5299 | [welfarefundteam@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:welfarefundteam@edinburgh.gov.uk)

## SOCIAL CARE DIRECT

Anyone at risk due to illness, frailty, disability or concerns about safety

0131 200 2324: 8.30am - 5pm, 8.30am - 3.55pm (Fri)

0800 731 6969: evenings & weekends

[socialcaredirect@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:socialcaredirect@edinburgh.gov.uk)

## OTHER RESOURCES & SUPPORT ON OFFER

**The Leith Collective (& Ocean Terminal)** are offering free Christmas trees (and some decorations) for collection from their space in Ocean Terminal Shopping Centre in Leith. **Trees should be collected in person.**

**Morrisons** have a special Christmas Dinner in a box for only £18.36. This is aimed at people self-isolating or those unable to get out to the shops. The boxes contain four courses, wine and Christmas crackers for two people and can be ordered on the Morrisons Doorstep Delivery phone line up to 13 Dec: **0345 611 6111 (option 5)**

