The Christmas Giving Tree 2026

The Hesston Police Department and the Hesston Ministerial Alliance are sponsoring a Christmas Giving Tree. This tree will help with some of the expenses of Christmas for families in need. If you are in need and would like to submit your child's name, or if you would like to bless a child by taking a tag, WE NEED YOU!

<u>Families in Need</u>: See page 2, 3, and 4.

<u>Those wanting to Bless a Child</u>: See below and page 2.
Come to the Hesston Public Library (300 N Main St.), where you can provide a gift for a child by checking out a tag from the Giving Tree. Tags will be available on the tree at Hesston Public Library and must be signed out at the desk. All gifts will need to be brought back–**wrapped and with the tag attached**–to the Police Department (444 N Lancaster) by Friday, December 11 at noon.

Questions - Contact Hesston Police Department at 327-2020 or Hesston Library at 327-4666.



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Jesus' love was the greatest gift God has ever given to humanity. That love continues to inspire us to gift each other with God's grace and love. The Hesston Police Department and the Hesston Ministerial Alliance are sponsoring a "Christmas Giving Tree" to do just that. This tree endeavors to help with some of the expenses of Christmas for community families in need. We invite all parents/guardians who feel they could use a little help to fill out an application listing their child/children by name and age, and provide some gift suggestions--with sizes, if clothing is listed.

Applications are available at the Hesston Public Library (HPL) ; Hesston Elementary, Middle, and High Schools; Hesston Police Department; and the Hesston Resource Center. **All applications will need to be turned in by Friday, November 20 to the HESSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK DEPOSITORY** (300 N Main St.) **in a sealed envelope marked "Christmas Giving Tree."** Each child's name turned in will get one tag on the tree with their age, sex and gift description--up to 4 new items totalling a suggested $50 combined. The identification of the children will not be disclosed.

The tags will be available on the tree at the HPL as applications come in. **All gift donations must be brought back to the Police Department** (444 N Lancaster) **by Friday, December 11 at noon.** The gifts should be wrapped with the tag attached. The gifts will then be delivered to families, by the Hesston Police, on **December 16 and 17**, or be picked up by receiving families at the PD between 8 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on those two dates.

We hope, by using the application process, we may serve the children who need the help of the community and not leave anyone out. It is our goal that everyone has a blessed and happy Christmas, both the giver and the receiver. We hope you will prayerfully consider participation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Police Department 327-2020, or the Hesston Public Library 327-4666.

Christmas Giving Tree 2026 Application

All applications must be turned in no later than Friday, November 20 to the Hesston Public Library (300 N Main St.) **in a sealed envelope marked "Christmas Giving Tree."** The application envelope can be dropped in the exterior Book Depository 24/7, or given to a library employee during business hours. Each child's name turned in by November 20 will get one tag on the tree with their age, sex and gift(s) description--up to 4 new items totalling a suggested $50 combined. The names of the children will not be on the tags. Applications will be reviewed under FERPA regulations. Gifts will be delivered December 16-17 between 8-5:00, to the address provided, unless you mark that you will pick up gifts at the Police Department (444 N Lancaster) between 8-5:00 on those two days.

Who can apply?

Parents/Guardians may register any child(ren), ages newborn-18, who either resides in the USD 460 School District, or attends a USD 460 school, and can show free or reduced-price meals approval. Copy/complete an additional form if you have more than three children.

How to apply

Return the attached form to the Hesston Public Library Book Depository, completed with each child's information and gift wishes/needs along with copies of the following item(s) in a sealed envelope labeled "Christmas Giving Tree."

1. USD 460 letter of approval for free/reduced-price meals from your food service director. Hesston's Director is Cecilia Oliva (phone 620-327-7125 or email cecilia.oliva@usd460.org).

If you don't have proof of free/reduced-price meals approval due to child not of school age, please provide the following:

1. Proof of residence (utility or bank statement or pay stub)
   AND
2. Proof of need by submitting a copy of **ONE** of the following items :
   -Proof of subsidized housing
   -Proof of unemployment or disability
   -Proof of food stamps or WIC
   -Current Pay Stub

Christmas Giving Tree Application Form - 2026

PARENT/GUARDIAN - FILL OUT THIS SECTION AND BOXES BELOW:
Parent/Guardian Name_____
Address to deliver gifts to_____Apt # _____
City_____ Phone_____Work Phone_____
Email_____

OFFICE USE ONLY:
Name/Tag#_____Name/Tag#_____Name/Tag#_____

#1 Child Name_____

Child's Age_____ Sex: M or F Tag #_____ (assigned later)
Gift Wishes (suggested to total around $50)
1._____
2._____
3._____
Please list sizes if a gift requires it
Shoe Size_____ Coat Size_____ Shirt Size_____ Pants Size_____
Check one: ____Deliver to home Dec. 16-17 (list delivery time, i.e. 3-4:00pm)_____
____Pick up 8-5:00 at Hesston PD December 16-17

#2 Child Name_____

Child's Age_____ Sex: M or F Tag #_____ (assigned later)
Gift Wishes (suggested to total around $50)
1._____
2._____
3._____
Please list sizes if a gift requires it
Shoe Size_____ Coat Size_____ Shirt Size_____ Pants Size_____
Check one: ____Deliver to home Dec. 16-17 (list time frame, ex. 3-4:00pm)_____
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#3 Child Name_____

Child's Age_____ Sex: M or F Tag #_____ (assigned later)
Gift Wishes (suggested to total around $50)
1._____
2._____
3._____
Please list sizes if a gift requires it
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