

Santa's Workshop in the Age of Covid-19

At Santa's Workshop, it has always been our mission to find a need and do all we can in our power to fill that need. We've partnered with numerous organizations over the years to provide clothing, toys, household goods, food, hygiene items, and holiday memories to families and individuals in the Tucson area. This mission has been accomplished through the generous donations of new & pre-loved items and the help of our incredible volunteers. As many of our supporters know, the element that has always made us stand out has been the acceptance of "pre-loved" items. Each year, our Elves would put in hours and hours to clean, repair, and prep items to go to new homes.

However, this year, in the age of Covid-19, Santa's Workshop will look a little different. Below, you will find the major changes we will be implementing for our 2021 Collection and Distribution. We will still be accepting pre-loved items through arranged pickups as they arise. But, we will be putting the focus on monetary no-contact donations and new items as these elements can help with lowering risks of transmission. The reasoning behind these changes is to ensure that our volunteers and recipients can remain healthy and safe.

What will Santa's Workshop look like in 2021:

This year, Santa's Workshop will be focusing on new items (toys, clothing) *[to provide less hands on contact for cleaning/prepping]* AND monetary donations through our website *[This allows a no-contact way for the community to support our mission. It keeps items passing through fewer hands/entering facilities to drop off donations]*. We are also not encouraging donors to frequent drop-off locations due to capacity limits for safety, etc. This is why we will be contacting donors of physical items for pickup plans.

How Can You Help

This year, you can help us in one of two ways. We will be accepting physical donations by appointment as well as monetary donations. If you want to donate physical items by fulfilling one of Santa's Wish Lists, we ask that you fill out our BE AN ELF YOURSELF FORM. We will then follow up with you regarding details. If you'd like to make a monetary donation, we will apply funds towards wish lists that need it and/or to our funds for the homeless community as needed.

BE AN ELF YOURSELF

School Partnership

Santa's Workshop is partnering with a local elementary school to sponsor children in need and WE NEED ELVES. If you'd like to be an elf, simply fill out the form and we will be in touch regarding your child's (children's) wish list(s) and pickup. If you want to support with a monetary donation, simply click on the donation link and donate any amount towards our wish lists. We will then apply funds to lists where they are most needed.

Homeless Community

Santa's Workshop will also be working to support the homeless male community again this year. In the past, we've partnered with St. Francis Men's Shelter and we hope to do so this year. If you'd like to support this cause, monetary donations are the best way to support it. Please use the donation link on our home page. Every \$5 donated goes a long way and allows us to provide one shelter guest items like deodorant, toothpaste/brush, socks or underwear, and Chapstick. With a \$15 donation, we would be able to provide a new pair of warm sweatpants, a hoodie, or a beanie hat for warmth. Every dollar truly makes a difference. Help us to reach our goal of sponsoring at least 200 shelter guests at \$5 each. We can do it!

Please note that Santa's Workshop is a 501c3 organization.