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Volunteer or give a gift for Christmas Day at Pitt

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The University will continue its tradition of Christmas Day at Pitt with a hot holiday meal on Dec. 25 for anyone wishing to attend from the surrounding communities, along with winter accessories for every adult who attends and a gift for every child.

Pitt faculty, staff and students can donate a wrapped or unwrapped gift. Drop off unwrapped gifts at 710 Alumni Hall by Dec. 16. Wrapped gifts collected by different Pitt units should remain on site until a coordinated pickup the week of Dec. 19.

Put a gift label or tags on any wrapped gift with identifiers to help get the gift to an appropriate child. Gender neutral and inclusive gifts are especially welcomed. Gift cards will be accepted for 12 to 18 year olds; \$10 to \$25 is suggested. The gifts collected also will be distributed in Oakland, Homewood, the Hill District, and Hazelwood.

Anyone who wants to volunteer for Christmas Day at Pitt can sign up now. Volunteer opportunities are available from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Dec. 25 and will include meal prep, meal serving, cleaning, gift distribution, and general support. Due to the nature of the service day, volunteers must be 12 and older.

Volunteers also are needed on Dec. 21 and 22 to work alongside Pitt's Office of Engagement and Community Affairs and Pitt Eats packaging 1,500 Christmas meals that will then be distributed into the Pittsburgh community for Christmas Day. Sign up through PittServes.

For more information, email Justin with any questions about the gift drive and event or Gabby with any questions about volunteerism and public service.