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## Menlo firefighters collecting food, toys

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The Menlo Park Fire Protection District is conducting a toy and food drive from now until Christmas Eve.

The department prefers that donors bring canned goods, not perishables. Toys may be wrapped or unwrapped.

The food and toys can be given directly to a firefighter at one of the city's six stations, or dropped in a barrel in front.

The stations are located at 2290 University Ave. in East Palo Alto, 300 Middlefield Road, 4192 Fair Oaks Ave., 32 Almendral Ave., Valparaiso Avenue and Alameda de las Pulgas, and 600 Oak Grove Ave.

In addition, donations of hams, turkeys, vegetables and cranberries to be served at the Christmas Day Meal at St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room are needed. St. Anthony's of Padua Church is also seeking donated toys. All contributions may be brought to any fire station or to St. Anthony's Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

More than 1,500 needy people are expected to visit the Padua Dining Room on Christmas.

The dining room is located at 3500 Middlefield Road. The telephone number is (415) 365-9664.