



About Denver Toy Shop

Kenzie Causes Annual Toy Shop in Denver will provide gifts to up to 3,500 children.

Each child will receive:

A brand-new toy

A stuffed animal

A card game (optional, as we understand not all children may be able to play cards; however, no substitutions will be available)

Additionally, bikes will be given out throughout the day in limited quantities. Bikes are available in various sizes and colors, and a set number will be distributed at each time slot. Once the bikes for a time slot are gone, no more will be available, so please do not promise your child a bike from this event.

Registration will open online on our Facebook page and at www.kenziscauses.org on December 5, 2024 at 9am and will close when all spots are full. If you do not get a spot, you can come to the toy shop at 3:00pm on December 7th to see if we have any toys left. Doors will close at 3:30pm.

December 2024

We are partnering with Benefits in Action to assist families with LEAP (Low-Income Energy Assistance Program) applications, ensuring they have access to crucial resources to manage heating costs during the colder months. This partnership will help families navigate the application process smoothly and get the support they need.

- You may qualify for LEAP if:
- You pay heating costs directly to an energy provider, fuel dealer, or as part of your rent
- Provide proof of lawful presence in the U.S., for you and household members born outside of the U.S. Valid forms of identification include: Naturalization Certificate, Born abroad Certificate, U.S. Passport, Permanent Resident Card or Documentation of Refugee or Asylee status.

PARTNERS UPDATES

PROGRAMA FAMILIAR DE LENGUAJE

Programa Familiar de Lenguaje (PFL), is a free program for young Spanish speaking children and their families. PFL aims to address the achievement gap impacting these children, by providing their most crucial years with a variety of tools and resources to encourage learning. This looks like providing play and learn classes where the use of songs, games, books, and crafts are used to encourage conversational turns between caretaker and child. PFL provides this free resource to families with children 5 years of age and younger and is seeking to reach more families to support!

You can find a short video [here](#) that highlights the work of PFL and how it's impacting families.

DPS MEDICAID TEAM

Denver Public Schools' Medicaid Department helps families apply for free or low-cost health insurance, including Health First Colorado (Medicaid) and CHP+ and SNAP food assistance. We offer one-on-one appointments at any DPS school site. Additionally, we assist families with re-enrollment and utilizing their benefits. If you need assistance, please contact our Outreach and Enrollment Specialists by calling 720-423-3661, emailing Outreach, or filling out the [Request for Enrollment Form](#)

DENVER METRO FAIR HOUSING CENTER

Free Fair Housing Community Education Sessions in November and December

Our free fair housing education sessions are a vital resource for the community, providing essential knowledge in multiple languages to ensure everyone has access to important information about their Fair Housing rights. In-person sessions will take place on. Mon. Nov. 25: En Espanol; Sat. Dec. 7: Vietnamese; Dec. 16: En Espanol; Dec. 18: Multiple Languages including Spanish. Participating in these sessions is a step towards promoting housing equality and civil rights for all. Click the [link](#) to choose a session.

HUBS HIGHLIGHTS

CENTRAL HUB

Register Now for No Cost ESL Classes!

We are excited to offer No Cost ESL classes for parents of Denver Public Schools students and Denver residents! Classes are available for English levels 1-3 and are offered both virtually and in-person. Childcare is provided during class to help you fully engage in learning.

Spaces are limited, so sign up today to improve your English skills in a supportive environment. To participate, you must be a DPS parent or Denver resident.

Location: 4650 Columbine Street, Denver, CO 80216
Phone: 720-424-3710

Don't miss out—register now!

FNE HUB

Register for Spring ESL Classes at the Far Northeast Community Hub!

Enhance your English skills this spring with our supportive ESL classes, tailored to help you improve communication and confidence.

Classes are open to all levels. Register now and take the next step in your language journey!

To sign up, [click here](#).

NNE HUB

ESL (English as a Second Language) classes are now open at the Near Northeast Community Hub!

Assessments are currently being held, so don't miss this opportunity to secure your spot.

Call us today at (720) 423-1170 to schedule your assessment and begin your journey to improving your English skills.

This month, through the support of a Community Hubs partnership that was recently formed, the NW Community Hub will be distributing around 600 gifts for the holidays to students. Some gifts will be provided to our host school, Trevista students, while other gifts will be provided to our participants and NW school contacts. Our hub will host a wrapping and cookie party for parents. This will involve selecting a gift, wrapping the gift, crafting a card, and enjoying cookies and cocoa. We recognize this time of year can be stressful for parents and we are grateful to be able to offer some support and host a fun event. We are thankful to our host school for providing the space to help us set up a toy shop and spread some holiday cheer!

NW HUB

The Southeast hub will be hosting a special event to distribute FOOD and TOYS in preparation of the upcoming Winter break! This initiative aims to support families in our community with essential items. This event is by registration only. Priority will be given to those that are already participants at the SE HUB

Please reach out to us for further details on how to participate.

We encourage all families to register early, as space and resources are limited. Together, we can make this holiday season a little brighter for everyone!

SE HUB

We're excited to announce our partnership with WeeCycle, a Colorado-based nonprofit dedicated to uplifting local families in need. WeeCycle is committed to restoring dignity by providing essential supplies like formula, safe sleeping spaces for babies, strollers for public transportation access, and much more. If you or someone you know is in need of baby gear or diapers, don't hesitate to reach out to the Southwest Community Hub at 720-424-2972. Together, we can support families and help them thrive!

SW HUB

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

UPCOMING EVENTS

Denver Santa Claus Shop (DSCS) is a nonprofit that collects and gives families the opportunity to shop for free toys each December. A non-denominational, all-volunteer-run organization, DSCS's mission is "A Toy for Every Girl & Boy".

<https://www.denversantaclausshop.org/events/toy-shop/>

Informational video

<https://vimeo.com/902082121>



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Southwest
Johnson Elementary School
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Southeast
Place Bridge Academy
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720-424-1040

Central
Swansea Elementary School
cencommunityhub@dpsk12.net
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Near Northeast
Hallett Academy
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Northwest
Trevista at Horace Mann
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