

# CHEROKEE COUNTY RESOURCE DIRECTORY

CONNECTING THE  
COMMUNITY WITH  
AREA RESOURCES

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## FOOD PANTRIES-DISTRIBUTIONS/CLOTHING

### Hope Chest FREE STORE - Baxter Springs

- Located at: First Assembly of God 1245 Park Ave Baxter Springs
- Offers food pantry, clothing, small housewares and personal hygiene products. No proof of income needed.
- Tuesday 2:00pm-4:00pm, Wednesday 12:00pm-3:00pm

### Southeast Kansas Ministerial Alliance Thrift Store - Baxter Springs

- 140 W. 10th Baxter Springs - 620-856-4444
- Food distribution Mon and Fri 9:00-1:00 (participate once a month and bring proof of Cherokee County address).

### Columbus Christian Center - Columbus

- Commodities, Senior Commodity Food Box distribution, and food assistance by appointment only - call 620-429-2424 and leave a detailed message.
- Location: 1001 E Merle Evans Dr Columbus

### First United Methodist Church - Columbus

#### (Columbus Residents Only)

- Food pantry open daily M-F to anyone in need 9:30-11:30 distributing staples, meat and eggs.
- Location: 320 W. Maple St Columbus, KS (east side of the building). Call 620-429-2791 and/or knock loudly

### First United Methodist Thrift Shop- Columbus

- 125 E Maple St Columbus, Kansas
- Friday 9am-4:30pm
- Call 620-429-3713

### City on the Hill Ministries - Galena

- Food Pantry distribution is the 3rd Friday of the month from 10:00-12:00 PM. Emergency food needs call, 620-783-2349
- Location: 109 W Empire St Galena, Kansas.
- Clothing Boutique will be open on the 1st Saturday of the month, from 10am-2pm. All clothing items are free.

### Riverton First Baptist Church - Riverton

- Commodities distribution, and food assistance for Kansas residents. By appointment only - call 620-848-3347.

### Weir Methodist Church - Weir

- 410 S. Jefferson Weir
- Contact Milt Alexander 620-687-1524 for food assistance

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## ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

### Department Children & Families

- Food Assistance, Cash Assistance, Low Income Energy Assistance Program, Child Care Assistance
- Call 1-800-997-6666 to determine eligibility and enrollment or visit [www.dcf.ks.gov](http://www.dcf.ks.gov) - click on Apply for Services on the top of the page

### The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

- TEFAP is a commodities program for low income residents of Kansas. Participants must apply in their home county, provide proof of their amount of income and household size.
- Registration/Distribution Sites
  - City of Weir - 620-396-8214
  - Columbus Christian Center - 620-429-2424
  - Riverton First Baptist Church - 620-848-3347

### Senior Food Box Program (Kansas Food Bank)

- The Kansas Food Bank provides seniors that are 60 years of age or older that meet income guidelines with commodity food boxes. Call Debi at 316-265-3663 or contact the closest distribution site to you below.
  - Baxter Springs - Community Health Clinic - 620-856-2900
  - Riverton - First Baptist Church - 620-848-3347
  - Columbus - Columbus Christian Center - 620-429-2424
  - Weir - Weir Senior Community Building - 620-762-1072
  - Galena - City on a Hill Food Pantry - 620-783-2349

## GENERAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

- CHC/ SEK and SEK-CAP  
General Public Transportation  
Serving all Cherokee County Residents  
Leave a Message-First Come First Serve  
\*Wheel Chair Accessible  
Monday- Friday 8:00 am-3:00 pm  
Call-620-724-6350

## EMPLOYMENT

- Cherokee County Jobs Board  
<https://cherokeecountykansas.com/jobs/>

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## WOMEN'S RESOURCES

### Women, Infants, & Children (WIC)- Cherokee County Health Department

- Eligibility: Meet income guidelines, have a nutritional or medical need and are pregnant, breastfeeding mothers, up to baby's first birthday, non-breastfeeding mothers, up to six months after baby's birth, infants and children under five years old.
- New applicants can call the office to make an appointment at 620-429-3338.
- Office is open 8-5:00 M-F or call 620-429-3087 for specific information. WIC has both in-person and phone options depending on type of appointment.
- Current WIC clients need to make sure the office has your correct phone number so you can be reached on your appointment date and time.

## BLESSING BOXES: FOOD/HYGIENE/ MISC. ITEMS

- Baxter Springs
  - 12th and Washington
- Columbus
  - Apple Glen Apartments - 1200 E Maple Columbus
  - Highland School-319 N High School Ave Columbus (Front of School)
  - Columbus Public Library - 205 N Kansas Ave Columbus
  - First Christian Church - 128 W Elm Columbus
- Riverton- Coming Soon!
- Weir
  - 200 block of West Main St. (south side of the road)