



2025 Giving Machine Facts

Worldwide

- Every year, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints invites the world to celebrate and commemorate the birth and life of Jesus Christ.
- The Church introduced the *Light the World* Initiative in 2016 to encourage people to be more purposeful in performing small and simple acts of kindness for others. A year later, the *Light the World Giving Machine Initiative* began as one way to fulfill this objective.
- *Giving Machines* are customized red vending machines with a twist. Instead of dispensing a product to consume, they allow people to donate tangible items to help those in need, whether they live across the street or around the world.
- The *Giving Machine* is a unique, fun, and memorable way to do an instant act of kindness for someone in need.
- Local and global nonprofit organizations must meet strict criteria to participate. Items most needed by these organizations serve are selected, such as food, clean water, shelter, agricultural items (seeds, trees, farming tools), clothing, healthcare, education, bedding, hygiene kits, and job and career training. Livestock, such as chickens, goats, pigs, ducks, sheep, and beehives, can also be purchased.
- Since 2017, more than two million people have visited a *Giving Machine* and donated over \$44 million in goods and services.
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints distributes 100% of every contribution to the participating nonprofits.
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints covers all operational costs and receives no financial benefit from this initiative.
- Participating nonprofits are prohibited from using more than 10% of their *Giving Machine* receipts to cover their overhead expenses. Most organizations use nothing.
- Participating nonprofits are required to report on their use of funds.
- *Giving Machines* will appear in over 131 cities in 21 countries this year.
- Through this initiative, givers and receivers experience “good tidings of great joy.”
- For more information, visit GivingMachine.org or LighttheWorld.org.



Texas

- In North Texas, the *Texas Giving Machine Initiative* will benefit five (5) North Texas charities and two (2) global charities:
 - North Texas Charities:
 - ACH Child and Family Services
 - CASA for Kids of East Texas
 - Evergreen Life Services
 - Friends of Shiloh Field Garden
 - Hope Restored Missions
 - Global Charities:
 - Lifting Hands International
 - USA for UNHCR
- The *Giving Machines* will make three (3) stops in the DFW Metroplex where visitors can have a unique holiday giving experience:
 - McKinney, TX (Historic Downtown McKinney) - November 21 to December 4
 - Arlington, TX (Globe Life Field) - December 6 to December 17
 - Grapevine, TX (Downtown Grapevine) - December 19 to January 1, 2026
- Find *Giving Machines* near you on social media @TexasGivingMachine and learn more about the charity cards in the Machines.
- The *Texas Giving Machines* will be in 11 locations sitewide in 2025.