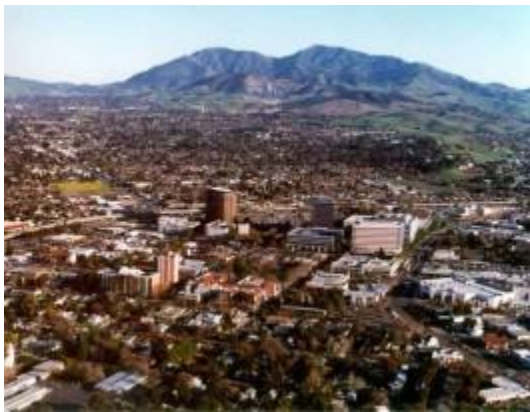




Give Concord for Christmas

Support your city by shopping at small businesses and gifting memberships to local organizations. Here are some suggestions for showing Concord some love this holiday season.

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Running out of gift ideas for the hard-to-buy-for? Looking for something a little more unique?

One option is to step away from the online shopping cart and the big-name stores — and come on home to Concord instead.

Shopping at the mom-and-pop shops in the city helps keep these businesses alive, and there are plenty of ways to support local organizations this holiday season with your gift-buying choices.

Here are a few suggestions of how to give Concord for Christmas:

- For long-time Concordians and history buffs, buy them a membership to the Concord Historical Society. It's \$25 a year or \$500 for life. [Download a membership application form](#) from the Concord Historical Society website.
- Donate in someone else's name to a local non-profit organization, such as (click the links to make a donation):
- [The Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano](#)

- [The Monument Crisis Center](#)
- [STAND! For Families Free of Violence](#)
- [The Rainbow Community Center of Contra Costa County](#)
- [Loaves and Fishes of Contra Costa](#)
- [The Contra Costa Crisis Center](#)

- Give the gift of classes and activities offered through Concord Parks & Recreation Services. [Click here to browse events, sign up for an account and buy online.](#)

- Some locally owned businesses have gift cards available for purchase. Check with management at your mom-and-pop shop or restaurant of choice to see what's available.

- [Buy a certification course at the Concord Community Pool](#), including CPR and lifeguarding skills.

- Encourage the kids and teenagers in your life to get active [by joining a local sports group or camp.](#)

Do you have ideas about how to "give Concord for Christmas" this year? Comment below and your suggestions will be added to the list.