



Dear Parents,

We are excited that we will be once again partnering with your school for the 2018 Christmas season. This is the 27th year that the Cloverdale Christmas Hamper Program (CCHP) will provide hampers for families in our community who are struggling to make ends meet. In 2017 the CCHP gifted over 300 hampers that included over 50,000 pounds of non-perishable food, sundries and gifts. These hampers helped make the Christmas season a happy time for more than 600 local residents including seniors, children and youth who might not otherwise be unable to enjoy that time of year.

CCHP's mission is to extend ourselves and serve the underprivileged, struggling individuals and families in Cloverdale, Port Kells, and part of South Surrey in a practical way during a joyful, yet challenging season. This is a community effort that relies on the generous support of schools such as yours. School participation brings in 60% of our donations each year!

There will be multiple collection boxes around your school from mid-November until the first week of December where you can contribute non-perishable food items, gifts for children and youth, gift cards, and monetary donations. Hampers will be distributed on December 15th.

We have attached a list to give you an idea of our top needs each year. If you have any questions about the program, please do not hesitate to ask your school, or contact us directly.

Thank you for your generous support!

Sincerely,

Lindsay Rempel, Director

IDEAS TO FILL A HAMPER

Top Food Needs*

- Ketchup
- Peanut butter
- Jam
- Sugar
- Mayonnaise
- Canned fruit

General Food Needs

- Canned tomatoes
- Cold cereal
- Oatmeal
- Soups
- Canned vegetables
- Snack foods

- Pasta sauces
- Pasta
- Rice
- Mac & cheese
- Jell-O/Snack Packs
- All other non-perishable foods

Household & personal care items

- Toilet paper
- Soap
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Toothbrushes
- Deodorant

New, unwrapped toys & gifts

- Gift cards for youth ages 13-18 (movie theater, sporting goods stores, coffee shops, fast food restaurants, clothing stores) *** this is a top need
- For children ages newborn to 12 years old (especially for boys 8-12)

Monetary donations over \$10 will receive a tax receipt. Cheque, cash, or online donations gratefully accepted!

Note: we use monetary donations towards gift cards for each hamper, so individuals can buy items specific to their needs, as well as to buy items that we do not receive enough of

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