

2023 Christmas Hampers Spruce Grove & East Parkland

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QR CODE TO DONATE

THANK YOU for your continued support, generosity and kindness towards local deserving families that need a helping hand this holiday season.

For the 50th year, the Spruce Grove Kinette volunteers are working to make Christmas brighter for local families struggling with a limited income. Our goal is to support families in need with food and gifts for the holidays. Last year, with your help, we assisted 656 families in our area, and supported close to 1900 residents!

Planning for the 2023 season is well underway. This year's program will be running with the same changes we made back in 2020:

- The Parkland Food Bank will be administering the distribution of the **food portion** of the Christmas Hampers, in the form of an 'upsized' December hamper for all clients. The Kinettes will not collect nor distribute non-perishable food, but will support the Parkland Food Bank with gift cards for food to contribute to the upsized December hamper.
- Last year, we provided **\$95,050.00 in grocery gift cards** to hamper recipients for food!
- The **gift portion** of the Christmas Hamper program will be run completely separate from the food. The Kinettes will collect and distribute gifts and gift cards to all children 17 and under.
- Last year, we provided gifts to 762 children in our area!
- In light of the changes these past few years, we encourage gift cards and monetary donations. Gift cards are best in \$25 denominations.

We rely on our community and surrounding area to donate to this important, local cause. We are a 100% volunteer-based non-profit group, and can only assist those in need in our community with YOUR help. Our primary goal is to have donations meet the need in our area this Christmas.

YOU CAN HELP us reach our goals and support your community at Christmas by DONATING:

1. Monetary donations or local grocery store gift cards will go towards a family's 'upsized' December food hamper. \$25 denominations work best.
2. Gift cards or new, unwrapped gifts for children 17 and under (local gift cards are ideal for ages 10+).

HOW TO DONATE:

- Online donations (Donorbox) gratefully accepted- www.sgkinettes.ca or via QR Code
- Donations can be brought to us in a check-in and drive-thru fashion at the Spruce Grove Alliance Church (250 Century Road):
 - Monday, December 4th through Friday, December 8th from 4pm-8pm
 - Monday, December 11th from 9am to 4pm
- Donate at advertised collection locations around Spruce Grove
- Cheques can be mailed, or can be picked up by one of our volunteers
 - Cheques can be made payable:
Spruce Grove Kinette Christmas Hampers
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The gifts will be organized and assembled for each family the **week of December 11th, 2023 at the Spruce Grove Alliance Church.**

For additional information, please refer to www.sgkinettes.ca. If you know anyone in need of assistance, please encourage them to reach out and apply for a Christmas Hamper with the Parkland Foodbank at 780-962-4565 ext. 1

Please direct any questions to SpruceGroveChristmasHampers@gmail.com or to Trina Merkel at 780-242-0516 directly.

THANK YOU for your incredible support of local families at Christmas. Best wishes for a safe, happy and healthy holiday season!

Sincerely, the Spruce Grove Kinette Christmas Hamper Volunteers

Let's get creative with ways to encourage donations to support our local families this year! Please tag us with your fundraising initiatives on social media- @Spruce Grove Kinettes - and we would be thrilled to share with our community.

Some FUNDRAISING IDEAS for you:

Toy mountain- a visual way to show your support in our community

Gift card collection/challenge- within departments, between businesses/organizations/groups/teams

Work/team gift exchange- themed gift giving, donating to hampers

Portion of sales go towards Christmas Hampers

Donation collection box; team collections

50/50

Candy jar guess- minimum donation per guess

Earn/raffle off 'work perks'- time off, lunch, best parking spot, etc.

Staff each bring in 5 scratch & win cards, sell tickets for entire lottery package

Silent Auction- gift baskets, items, experiences

Receive discount at a business for items donated

Christmas Tree, poinsettia sales

Raffle off an item or an experience- sell tickets

Fitness/ Step Challenge- minimum donation to participate