



**2023 CHRISTMAS HAMPERS
SPRUCE GROVE & EAST PARKLAND
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Over the years, the schools in Spruce Grove and surrounding areas have provided outstanding support to the local Christmas Hamper Program. For the 50th year, the local 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 gift cards for perishable food items, and gifts for children age 17 and under. Last year we supported 656 families and provided gifts for 762 children. Increase of 85 kids from the year before.

This is a HUGE undertaking; we can only achieve this goal by relying on the kindness and generosity of our entire community and surrounding area. We are asking all schools to support local families by providing new unwrapped gifts for children 10 and under, and gift cards to those aged 11 to 17. Gift cards in the denomination of \$25.00 work best from local businesses.

In the last couple of years, the Parkland Foodbank has distributed the food portion of the Christmas hampers in the form of an 'upsized' December Christmas hamper. The Kinette Club provides the families with gift cards to purchase their perishable food items. Last year, we provided the clients with over \$95,050.00 in gift cards for local grocery stores. This was an increase of \$13,050.00 from the previous year.

Our website at www.sgkinettes.ca has been updated with more detailed information regarding our Christmas Hamper program. There is a tab for schools that you may use to print off collection poster, gift donation ideas, etc.

We ask that the schools **deliver the items to the Spruce Grove Alliance Church located at 250 Century Road in the morning on Monday, December 11th** so we can begin the huge task of sorting and assembling the Christmas Hampers.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Trina Merkel at - SpruceGroveChristmasHampers@gmail.com or 780-242-0516. Thank you for your continued support of this program and of your community at Christmas. Best wishes to the staff and students at your school; have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

The Spruce Grove and East Parkland Christmas Hamper Volunteers