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ADOPT A FAMILY



*A Christmas Outreach Program
sponsored by
The Salvation Army*

Christmas, 2008



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*The Salvation Army
Maple Square Mall
Port Elgin, ON*

Phone: 519-389-3942

About the Program

The "Adopt A Family" is a Christmas outreach program sponsored by The Salvation Army to help us provide a memorable Christmas to families in need in our community.

Each Christmas we help approximately 200 local families through our Christmas Hamper program. Groups, businesses and individuals have asked for a way to get directly involved with the hamper program. One way is to "Adopt a Family". We provide the group with information on one of our families which include: number of adults, number of children, age and sex. Names and addresses cannot be divulged due to confidentiality regulations. The group is asked to provide food, toys and gifts for their adopted family.

Toys and Gifts

We have endeavoured to provide you with information on each child. Age, sex, favourite colour and Christmas wish gift have been included if available.

We ask the toys be left **unwrapped** to give the parents the pleasure of wrapping them. Flat wrapping paper and bows are a nice addition to the hamper. Toys should be placed in a dark garbage bag (children are often present when the hampers are picked up!) and securely tied with the family hamper number attached.

While not part of the hamper program, Mom/Dad may appreciate a small wrapped gift.



Food

We ask each sponsor to provide their adopted family with a food hamper and a toy of equal quality and value as they would receive through The Salvation Army.

A list of food items are set out below. Please purchase these items for your family when assembling the hamper. If you are able to collect a larger quantity, may we suggest that an additional family be sponsored.

To simplify the hamper process, a food certificate for meat purchase will be provided for each family by The Salvation Army. If you wish to make a donation to cover this cost, please feel free to do so (\$20.00). A tax receipt is available upon request.

We do not have any overnight cold storage facilities for the hampers and are therefore unable to handle any perishable items. We also request that only store-bought goods are included in the hamper.



Hamper Contents - Christmas 2008 Medium Hamper Size (4 persons)

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2 macaroni & cheese dinners	1 tub margarine (1 lb.)
1 stove-top stuffing	4 cans soup
4 cans vegetables	2 cans fruit
1 can cranberry sauce	1 box cold cereal
2 cans tuna/salmon	1 box rice
2 bottles of pop	1 can juice
5 lbs. potatoes	1 bag candies
1 Christmas cake	1 bag apples
2 cans spaghetti sauce	1 bag sugar
2 pkgs. dried pasta	1 pkg. tea or coffee
1 bag of cookies	2 cans pork & beans
1 jar peanut butter	2 pkgs. carrots (2 lb.)
1 pkg. onions (2 lbs.)	2 kg. flour
2 pkg. powdered milk (250 gm.)	1 pkg. salt
2 pkg. instant pudding/jelly powder	1 box hot cereal
2 loaves bread/rolls	

General Information

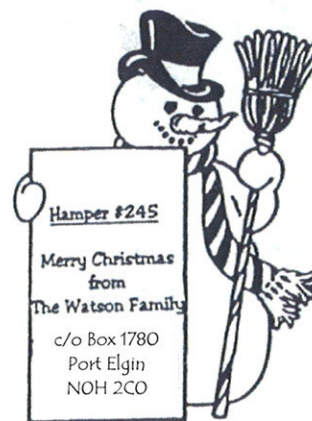
To assist us in distributing the hampers, we ask that they be brought to:

The Salvation Army Christmas Centre
Maple Square Mall
Port Elgin, ON

by Monday, December 15th

We encourage the sponsor to include a personal greeting card for their adopted family. For a family or individual sponsor, we would request that you use OUR mailing address for a return address and indicate your family hamper number.

We will ensure that all correspondence is forwarded to you.



**** Please remember to mark all food boxes and toy bags with your "Adopt a Family" hamper number. ****

Too Busy to Shop?

To busy to shop, but would like to sponsor a family? NO PROBLEM! We estimate a week's worth of food (including Christmas dinner) and toys/gifts for a family of 4 to be approximately \$200.00. Simply call Ashley at 519-389-3942 to make arrangements, and we will do the shopping for you!

Questions

If you have any questions about the Adopt a Family program or the services we provide through our Community & Family Services office, please do not hesitate to contact:

Ashley Armstrong
Maple Square Mall
Port Elgin, ON

Phone: 519-389-3942
E-mail: salarmypefs@bmts.com

Thank You

On behalf of the sponsored families, thank you for being willing to share with them this Christmas Season. We pray that you will have as much pleasure putting this food and toy hamper together as the recipients will have in receiving it.