



Giving Hope Today

The Salvation Army

Red Deer Church &
Community Services

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Dear Friends,

As winter approaches, we are once again reminded of the upcoming Christmas season. For many in our city this is a time of difficulty and struggle. The stress of added expenses, a global pandemic, and rising utility and food costs have made it impossible for some families and seniors to maintain their daily living expenses. With your assistance we would like to alleviate some of this stress and help bring Christmas to those families and seniors in our community who are the most in need.

Due to the generosity of our sponsors, 634 adults, children, and seniors were blessed with a Christmas of hope and dignity in 2020. The kindness of our sponsors and donors is a true reflection of the heart and caring Red Deerians have for their city and fellow citizens.

If you are interested in adopting a family or senior this upcoming Christmas, we invite you to review the sponsor package. The package provides all of the information and requirements for sponsors when participating in the Adopt-A-Family program. If you choose to participate, simply complete the commitment form and return it to us via: email, fax, or in person.

Thank you for giving consideration to our 2021 Adopt-A-Family/Senior program. If you would like to further discuss any aspect of the program, please feel free to contact our office at 403-346-2251 or by emailing taylor.poor@salvationarmy.ca.

Warm regards,

Taylor Poor
Community Ministries Coordinator



The Salvation Army Adopt-A-Family

Sponsor Information

Overview:

The **Salvation Army Adopt-A-Family** program is for families and seniors in need who may apply to receive anonymous sponsors that will assist with presents and food for their Christmas.

Sponsor Requirements:

- With each sponsor package, a commitment form is sent. The sponsor then selects the family size or senior they will provide assistance for. In order to receive a family, the commitment form must be emailed, faxed, or brought into the office.
- If a family, group, or individual has decided they would like to participate the commitment form must be completed and returned.
- When The Salvation Army has approved a family or senior meeting your request, you will be matched and notified with their interest list and family details. **Please note matches can take a few days to several weeks depending on the sponsor's specifications.**
- Once the sponsor is matched they are provided the interest list of their match and can now shop for the gifts (around \$100 per child and \$30-\$50 for seniors)
- Sponsors are also asked to provide a grocery store gift card or food for the family's Christmas meal (please refer to the charts for the food options).
- We ask sponsors **not to purchase electronics such as cell phones, iPads, televisions, X-boxes, laptops, etc.**
- Remote control cars, light up toys, talking dolls, video games are all acceptable electronics.

Tax Receipts:

- Tax receipts may be issued as long as original detailed receipts are included with the contact information. We will include a tax receipt request sheet with confirmation of your commitment form. Please review form and complete all requested information.
- Have all receipts separate from hamper and available for the day of sponsor drop off.

Hamper Assembly & Delivery:

- We suggest that the hampers be packed in boxes or bags that can be closed and sealed. On delivery day the hampers will be put in the back of trucks for delivery and loose items may become lost.
- We ask that all gifts are placed in the boxes/bags unwrapped so parents are aware of what their children will be getting. Providing wrap and bows is always a nice gesture.
- We have provided a label sheet so that each box/bag can be labeled clearly with the family number and box number (e.g. Box 1 of 2, 2 of 2 or however many). Gift cards are attached to delivery sheets – please keep them separate.
- If you are providing gift cards for any of the children please put them in an envelope with their information on it (e.g. child name/ 12 years). This will help to avoid confusion. Parents need to sign for all gift cards.
- Hamper Drop off dates are **Dec. 14 (1pm-7pm) & Dec. 15 (9am-3pm)**. Sponsors drop offs are at **The Salvation Army (4837 - 54 Street)**. Please have hamper packed and assembled upon delivery.

Examples:



Food Options (Sponsor’s choice)

Option #1 – Provide a gift card for all food items.

Family Size	Gift Card for Food
Small Family (1 child & parent/s)	\$100-\$120
Medium Family (2 or 3 children & parent/s)	\$120-\$140
Large Family (4 or 5 children & parent/s)	\$140-\$160
X-Large Family (over 6 children & parent/s)	\$160-\$180
Senior	\$50(single) \$75-\$100 (couple)

Option #2 – Purchase non-perishable items and provide a small gift card for turkey, potatoes, milk, etc. (if all items are purchased please ensure the best before date is after December 25).

Item	Sm Family/Senior	Med Family	Lg Family	X-Lg Family
Tin Foil Roaster	1	1	1	1
Stuffing	1 box	2 boxes	3 boxes	4 boxes
Cranberries	1 can	1 can	1 can	2 cans
Gravy mix	As stated on pkg	As stated on pkg	As stated on pkg	As stated on pkg
Canned corn	1	1	2	2
Canned peas	1	1	2	2
Box of oranges	1	1	2	2
Crackers	1 small box	1 small box	1 large box	1 large box
Pickles	1 jar	1 jar	1 jar	1 jar
Fruit Juice	1L	2 L	3 L	4 L
Candy Canes	1 pkg	1pkg	1-2 pkg	2 pkg
Pie	1	1	2	2
Cookies for Santa	1 box	1 box	2 boxes	2-3 boxes
Pancake Mix	1 pkg	1 pkg	1 pkg	1 pkg
Pancake Syrup	1 bottle	1 bottle	1 bottle	1 bottle
Gift Card for turkey/perishables	\$40	\$40	\$60	\$60

Suggested Extras (optional) *:

- Fruit snacks, granola bars, cookies
- Pretzels, popcorn or potato chips
- Hot chocolate
- Marshmallows
- Tea, coffee, or apple cider
- Box of chocolates
- Mixed Nuts

* The suggested extras are intended just to treat the family and provide some extra snacks while the children are home from school.



ADOPT-A-FAMILY COMMITMENT FORM

Please return completed form by email: taylor.poor@salvationarmy.ca or sarmyadm@telus.net

by fax: (403)342-5892 or in person at: 4837 – 54 Street

ADOPTER/COMPANY NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____ PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

EMAIL: _____

CONFIRMATION OF FAMILY INFORMATION BY: FAX EMAIL

FUTURE CORRESPONDANCE BY: EMAIL REGULAR MAIL

APPROXIMATE COST:

✚ Suggested gift amount of \$100 per child & \$30-50 per senior

Family Size	Gift Card for Food	Number of family/families you are able to assist
Small Family (1 child & parent/s)	\$100	
Medium Family (2 or 3 children & parent/s)	\$120	
Large Family (4 or 5 children & parent/s)	\$140	
X-Large Family (over 6 children & parent/s)	\$160	
Senior/s	\$50 per senior	

If the family size is not available, I am willing to take a different family size or multiple families of equal or lesser monetary commitment (e.g. in lieu of a XL family two small families). YES NO

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- ✚ Gift cards need to be separate from hampers/gifts – they are signed for by family on delivery day.
- ✚ Original detailed receipts (not credit/debit receipts) are needed for tax receipts to be issued.
- ✚ Purchasing a gift for the parent(s) is optional, the parent/family gifts are only suggestions
- ✚ Perhaps taking on an entire family is too much but you would still like to help; donations of gift cards (grocery store, mall, restaurant, etc.), unwrapped toys, and non-perishable food items are greatly appreciated.

Sponsor drop off days are:

Tuesday December 14 between 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Wednesday December 15 between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm

**ADOPT-A-FAMILY ITEMS ARE TO BE DROPPED OFF AT
THE SALVATION ARMY OFFICE (4837-54 Street)**