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2008

Christmas Programs in Ottawa

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Holiday Season Meals and Gatherings

St. Luke's Club and Drop-in Centre:

760 Somerset St West, Ottawa, K1R 6P9 Telephone: 613-238-4193
December 4, 2008 at noon will serve a holiday meal and offer small gift bags. People must register in advance by purchasing a ticket for the cost of 1\$. People must purchase their ticket at the Lunch Club no later than November 28th. Closed on December 25th and 26th, 2008 also on January 1st, 2009. Volunteers are needed. Donations are accepted, hygiene products, socks, non-perishable food...

The Salvation Army, Ottawa Booth Centre:

171 Georges St, Ottawa, K1N 5W5 Telephone: 613-241-1573
December 13th, 2008 from noon to 6pm will be hosting their free annual Christmas meal. 'Sunshine Bags' filled with hygiene products will be given as gifts during the meal. Open to everyone, however, tickets will be sent out to Community Centres in November 24th, 2008. Volunteers are needed for the Christmas dinner.

Ottawa Independent Living Resource Centre:

Jim Durell Recreation Centre, 1265 Walkley Rd
Telephone: 613-236-2558 ext 224 or info@oilrc.com
Monday, December 15, 2008 at 5:30pm to 10:00pm they will be hosting their Holiday Dinner and Party. Tickets for members are \$5 and \$8 for non-members and people must register by Wednesday, December 10. Monetary donations will be graciously accepted for the purchase of food and beverages.



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The Mayor's Seventh Annual Christmas Celebration:

Aberdeen Pavilion, Lansdowne Park, 1015 Bank Street
December 6, 2008 from 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm. The celebration will include a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, hot chocolate, Beaver Tails, crafts, live entertainment and much more. Admission to this sponsored event is free, but please share the spirit of this festive season by bringing non-perishable food donations for the Ottawa Food Bank.

The Mission:

35 Waller St, Ottawa, K1N 7G4 Telephone: 613-234-1144
December 21, 2008 at 11:30am to 5:00pm will be serving a free holiday meal. No registration necessary. Donations are accepted, hygiene products, socks anything in the way of food and money. All are welcome.

The Well:

St. John the Evangelist Church, 154 Somerset St West, Ottawa, K2P 0H8
Telephone: 613-594-8861 ext 31
December 15, 2008 at 10:00am will be having a free holiday party for women and children in the community. Women must go to *The Well* to sign up on December 1st and 2nd. The sign-up is lottery style and the draw will be held on December 3rd at 9:30am. Donations are accepted.

Youth Services Bureau of Ottawa, Downtown Services and Drop-In:

147 Besserer St, Ottawa, K1N 6A7 Telephone: 613-241-7788
December 18, 2008 at 3pm will be hosting a free annual Youth Christmas Party and meal. Open to youth 12-21 years. Donations are accepted.

Minwaashin Lodge Aboriginal Women's Support Centre:

424 Catherine St, 2nd Flr, Ottawa, K1R 5T8 Telephone: 613-741-5590 ext 234
December 20th, the *Minwaashin Lodge* will be hosting the Annual Traditional Winter Gathering (Christmas party). This holiday will be special for their First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families. A traditional feast and entertainment will be provided to accompany their traditional give away to the moms, dads, children, youth and elders of their community. Donations of toys for children (0-12yrs) and youth (12-18yrs), food and retail gift certificates etc, would be greatly appreciated. A tax deductible receipt will be promptly provided for any cash or cheque donations.



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Centre 507 Drop-in Centre:

507 Bank St, Ottawa, K2P 1Z5

Telephone: 613-233-5626

January 14, 2009 at noon will serve a free holiday meal. No reservations necessary however, will proceed as a first come first served since they are equipped to serve approximately 120 meals. They may provide 'stockings' stuffed with small gifts such as toiletries, socks and gloves if they receive enough donations.

Ottawa Innerscity Ministries:

St Paul Eastern United Church, 473, Cumberland St, Ottawa, K1N 6E7

Telephone: 613-237-6031

January 22, 2009 A free holiday meal will be served at 11:30am and a second one at 13:00pm. Tickets for People will be distributed at 11h00. Donations are requested for Winter Survival Kits for the poor and homeless. Fill up a nap sac with items such as water bottles, juice boxes, toiletries, lip balm, cough drops, warm socks, bus tickets, sleeping bag and a New Testament. Volunteers are needed, please contact us.

Christmas Day Dinners



Shepherds of Good Hope:

233 Murray St, Ottawa, K1N 5M9

Telephone: 613-789-8210

December 25, 2008 at 11:30am to 12:30pm will be serving a free Christmas Day Meal. It is open to all and no registration is needed. Donations are accepted. If you want to volunteer, contact the volunteer coordinator for more information.

Heart and Crown Irish Pub:

67 Clarence St, Ottawa, K1N 5P5

Telephone: 613-562-0674

December 25, 2008 a free Christmas Day Turkey Dinner from 11:00am to 5:00pm will include gifts for children and adults. Donations are accepted and Volunteers are needed.



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Elvis Sighting Society:

Newport Restaurant, 334 Richmond Rd, Ottawa

Telephone: 613-722-9322

December 25, 2008 from 8:00am to 6:00pm will be serving a free Christmas day meal. No registration needed and it is open to everyone. Donations are accepted, hygiene products, socks anything in the way of food, money and all are welcome.

St. George's Anglican Church:

152 Metcalfe St, Ottawa, K2P 1N9

Telephone: 613-235-1636

St. George's Anglican Church on Metcalfe St. on December 25, 2008 will be partnering with Knox Presbyterian Church at the corner of Elgin and Lisgar to offer an all-day Christmas celebration and dinner. Doors will be open from 11:00 to 7:30, with dinner sittings at 12:00, 1:30 and 5:00. This is St. George's annual Christmas Day event, but it will be held at Knox Presbyterian this year. Entrance at 120 Lisgar. Volunteers are needed. Please call St. George's parish office at (613) 235-1636 Tuesday to Friday 8:30 to 1:30 and leave your name and phone number.

The Knight Enterprises Team

Jack Purcell Community Centre, 320 Jack Purcell Lane

December 24th, 2008 will be serving a free full course Christmas Eve Dinner from 3:30pm to 6:30pm at the Jack Purcell Recreation Centre. Families and children are welcome, no registration needed, the dinner will be served on a first-come first-served.

Foster Farm Community Centre, 1065 Ramsey Crescent

December 24th, 2008 will be serving a free full course Christmas Eve Dinner from 2:30pm to 5:30pm at Foster Farm Community Centre. Everyone is welcome: Singles, Family and the kids are encouraged to attend. It free of charge, please call 613-828-2004 to make reservation.



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Christmas Hampers and Toys

Toy Mountain and Christmas Exchange are the central agencies that operate donations of toys and Christmas Hampers. Application can be made directly or they may refer to local agencies that are receiving applications in their names.

Toy Mountain:

The Salvation Army Toy Depot,
250 Champagne Drive N, Unit 118, 1st level warehouse

Telephone: 613-280-8697

The Salvation Army operates the Toy Depot and manages the distribution of the toys to qualified families. Free toys for children 12 and under are distributed to eligible families from the end of November until Christmas. Parents must register on predetermined dates. They will be given a time and date to return to pick up the toys. For registration locations please consult:

<http://www.toymountain.ca/images/toy-reg-locations.pdf>

Christmas Exchange:

1390 Prince of Wales Dr, Ste 406, PO Box 5167, Ottawa, K2C 3H4

Telephone: 613-226-6434

This is the central Christmas hamper registry. They offer food hampers and food vouchers from Loeb. Open to anyone living in Ottawa and who are recipients of ODSP or Ontario Works or low-income families. They are also a registration centre for Toy Mountain. If people do not know where to apply the Christmas Exchange they should call 211 to be referred to the nearest community organization taking referrals.

Volunteers are needed to help at fundraising events, data entry, phone the parents for toy pick-up appointments deliver hampers and stuff vouchers ready for mailing.

As of November 1st-December 21, 2008: Pennies for Portion

December 6, 2008: Running on empties (Fundraising event)

December 10, 2008: Food Vouchers Volunteers

December 22, 2008: Food Hamper Volunteers website: www.christmas-exchange.com



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The Food Bank:

1317B Micheal St, Ottawa, K1B 3M9

Telephone: 613-745-7001

The Food Bank supplies the local food cupboards with the products to create the Christmas Food Hampers. They do not directly give the hampers. If people are not sure where to call, The Food Bank will refer to the appropriate agency. Check website for events.

Shepherds of Good Hope:

257 King Edward Ave, back door entrance

Telephone: 613-562-2538

Christmas hamper program open to families living in Ottawa only. Hampers include food and small gifts depending on the sponsor's donation.

Odawa Native Friendship Centre and Gignul Non profit Housing Corporation:

12 Stirling Ave, Ottawa, K1Y 1P8

Telephone: 613-722-3811 ext. 234

Monday, December 15th to Friday, December 19th, this agency offers "*Food for Friends and Angel Tree*" which is a Christmas Hamper program offered to the Aboriginal Community. Volunteers are needed on Tuesday to Thursday, daytime 9 to 5pm to help pack the food hampers, deliver hampers on Wednesday and Thursday, Vehicle useful but not essential, you can assist driver, wrap gifts, Drivers: to deliver sturdy boxes and pack groceries. If you wish to volunteer call: Delores Peltier at 613-232-0016.

Tuesday, December 16th their will be open 5:00 to 9:00pm for people who are working during the day but wish to help them fill the hampers etc...

Friday, December 19th we will hold a thank you breakfast for all volunteers to have helped us fill the hampers etc.

West Carleton Emergency Food Aid:

Anglican Parish Hall, 3774 Carp Rd, Carp

Telephone: 613-839-5685

Christmas Hamper requests will be accepted until December 19th, 2008



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Donations

Please call individual agencies to know what specific items they need. The donation is usually used to offer gifts to clients or to host a holiday event for their clients. Contributions are greatly appreciated at this time of year.

The Snowsuit Fund:

225 Donald St, Ste 134, Ottawa, K1K 1N1 Telephone: 613-746-8719
They need donations of winter coats, mitts, scarves, hats, and boots for children and adults. Donations can be dropped off at the office or at a Canadian Tire Store or Browns Cleaners. Cash donations can be brought in person or over the phone with a credit card. There is a drop-off bin for after hours donations at the address above.
Volunteers are needed year-round.

The Kidney Foundation of Canada:

400C-1150 Morrison Dr, Ottawa, K2H 8S9 Telephone: 613-724-9953 ext.28
They are looking for donations to offer Christmas Hampers to kidney patients and their families. Cash or gift certificates to Loblaws are most appreciated since their clients have special dietary needs. Donations will be accepted anytime.

Interval House of Ottawa:

Telephone: 613-234-8511
They are requesting donations of women's clothing, socks, underwear, mitts, scarves, hats, new toys, gift certificates, and arts and crafts supplies. Personal hygiene products are also needed, ex: deodorant, toothpaste, children's toothbrushes, etc. Please call to arrange drop-off.
Skilled volunteers are needed year-round (ex: hairstylist)

Makonsag Aboriginal Head Start

12 Stirling Ave, Ottawa, K1Y 1P8 Telephone: 613-724-5844
They are looking for donations to offer a Children's Christmas Party in mid-December 2008. Donations for children's toys, food, clothing or food basket will be accepted anytime. Please use back basement entrance on Carruthers Avenue for donation drop-off.



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Multiple Birth Families Association:

Telephone: 613-860-8565 (Melissa Potvin)

Christmas Hampers offered to families with multiple birth children from newborn to age 12. Hampers include food and baby products (diapers, wipes, etc.) and some other gifts. The Association is also in need of strollers (double, triple, etc.) for new families.

Please leave a message for Melissa and she will call you back. She will arrange pick up and distribute donated items.

The Living Room:

251 Bank St, 7th Flr, Ste 700, Ottawa, K2P 1X3 Telephone: 613-238-5014
ext. 233 (Heather)

Donations of warm coats for men, women and children and Christmas toys are requested for their clients. They are also in need of bus tickets, gift certificates for grocery stores, toiletries and socks.

St Joe's Women Centre:

151 Laurier Ave East, Ottawa, K1N 6P9 Telephone: 613-231-6722

The Centre is accepting *new items* only for this Holiday Season. Donations are needed, specifically for: toiletries, bus tickets, gift certificates (Wal-Mart, Loblaws, Zellers or Giant Tiger), clothing, hair brushes, combs, nail polish, bras, underwear and lip balm.

St. Mary's Home:

780 rue de l'Église, Ottawa, K1K 3K7 Telephone: 613-749-2491

They are requesting donations to offer gift cards to their clients: pregnant teens, young single parents and their children.

Serenity House Inc.:

103 Leopolds Dr, Ottawa, K1V 7E2 Telephone: 613-733-3574

Donations are needed specifically for men's apparel: boots, coats, scarves, gloves, mitts and socks, toiletries as well as special treats such as chocolate, candy, etc.

Ottawa-Carleton Association for Persons with Developmental Disabilities:

250 City Centre Ave, Ste 200, Ottawa, K1R 6K7 Telephone: 613-569-8993
ext. 245 (Jocelyne)

Donations are needed specifically for men and women's apparel: socks, gloves, mitts, scarves, sweaters, clothing and toiletries: toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, etc. There is a special need for gift certificates to coffee shops (ex: Tim Hortons) to encourage their clients to make outings.



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Volunteers are needed from December 1-24, 2008 to help at gift wrapping kiosks in the St-Laurent and Carlingwood malls.

Lanark County Interval House:

PO Box 107, Carleton Place, K7C 3P3 Telephone: 613-257-3469
New gifts for women and children are needed as donations for the Holiday Season. Donations will be accepted as of December 1st only (In process of relocation). Please call to make arrangements for drop-off.
Volunteers are needed year-round. Please call Centre to inquire further.

Canadian Mental Health Association:

1355 Bank St, Ste 301, Ottawa, K1H 8K7 Telephone: 613-737-7791
Donations of men's and women's mitts, gloves, scarves as well as televisions, computers and furniture of all types are needed. Receipts are available.

YMCA-YWCA National Capital Region:

180 Argyle Ave, Ottawa, K2P 1B7 Telephone: 613-237-1320
ext. 5063 (Housing Office)

They have a special need for Food Bank items (Non-perishable food).
Donations are also needed for men, women and children: Bus tickets, gift certificates (ex: Loblaws - 5\$ denominations -, Tim Hortons, McDonald, Zellers, Wal-Mart), socks, scarves, underwear, bras (sport bras), toiletries and special treats (ex: chocolate, cookies).

Nelson House of Ottawa-Carleton:

PO Box 5381, Merivale Depot, Ottawa, K2C 3J1 Telephone: 613-225-0533
Donations are needed for *new items* for women and children this Holiday Season. For example: Clothing, household items, linens, toys and gift certificates. Please drop-off donations at the Merivale Mall "Angel Tree" (1642 Merivale Road).

Maison d'amitié:

c/o 40 Cobourg St, Ottawa, K1N 8Z6 Telephone: 613-747-0020
Donations are needed specifically for children and women, such as: children's toys, clothing, women's hygiene products, women's clothing and special treats. Donations of kitchen items (ex: dish set) and cleaning products would also be appreciated. Please call to make arrangements for drop-off.
Francophone or bilingual *women volunteers* are needed to help deliver gift baskets to former residents and their families as well as for their Christmas Party celebrations. To volunteer please contact Caroline #613-744-7991 ext. 311.



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Operation Go Home:

179 Murray St, Ottawa, K1N 5M7 Telephone: 613-230-4663
Require donations for their youth, such as: Socks, underwear, personal hygiene products, sweaters, sleeping bags and cereal.
Volunteers are needed for their Christmas Party on Wed. December 3rd 2008.

Anglican Social Service – Centre 454:

216 Murray St, Ottawa, K1N 5N1 Telephone: 613-235-4351
ext. 0 (receptionist)
Donations are requested for gift bags: hygiene products, deodorant, socks, scarves, mitts, gloves, hats, etc. They have a special need for warm winter clothing.

Alwood Treatment Centre:

1986 Scotch Corners Rd, RR 1, Telephone: 613-257-2813
Carleton Place, K7C 3P1
Monetary donations are requested for gift cards, bus tickets, clothes and exchange present for their clients. Also require donations of items such as: canned goods, non perishable foods, Corel dishes and dishware, winter clothing, toiletries and gift certificates for Bayshore Mall.
Volunteers are needed.

Birthright of Ottawa:

200 Isabella St, Ste 302, Ottawa, K1S 1V7 Telephone: 613-231-5683
Maternity clothes and monetary donations are requested.
Volunteers are needed to deliver Christmas baskets to their clients. Please call for more info. or contact the organization through e-mail: birthright-ottawa@rogers.com

Brighter Futures for Children of Young Single Parents/

Buns in the Oven Telephone: 613-749-4584
780 rue de l'Église, Ottawa, K1K 3K7 ext. 765(Chantal)
They are requesting monetary donations and gift certificates to retail and grocery stores such as: Zellers, Wal-Mart, Toys R US, Loeb, Loblaws, etc.

Bruce House:

251 Bank St, Ottawa, K2P 1X3 Telephone: 613-729-0911
Donations are needed specifically for grocery store vouchers, bus tickets and gift certificates to grocery stores (ex: Hartman's, Loblaws, Loeb). Food gift cards allow individuals to choose culturally appropriate food items.
Volunteers are needed year-round.



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Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa:

2825 Dumaourier Ave, Ottawa, K2B 7W3

Telephone: 613-232-0925
ext. 221 (Pat)

Donations are requested for the holiday children's party on December 20th 2008: decorations, Christmas cookies, food and beverages, as well as new children's gifts (6-13 years old).

Chez Mère Bruyère:

264 Olmstead St, Ottawa, K1L 7J8

Telephone: 613-744-5920

Donations are needed specifically for children (boys and girls): socks, underwear, flannel pajamas, thermal underwear, receiving blankets and soothers. They have a special need for boys' pants (sizes 3 - 6x). Volunteers are always needed, even for a few hours!

Cornerstone / Le Pilier:

515 MacLaren St, Ottawa, K1R 5K5

Telephone: 613-233-2243
(ask for Victoria or Marguerite)

Donations are needed specifically for umbrellas, bus tickets, dust busters, mops, gift cards (Tim Hortons), ladies' hats, mitts and personal hygiene products (no mouthwash please). They have a special need for new women's clothing in plus sizes and art supplies. Please call ahead.

Volunteers are needed year-round. For more info on how to be a volunteer, go to www.cornerstonewomen.ca and click on "Volunteering" or call and ask for Karen Ann McKinna.

Daybreak Non-Profit Shelter:

393 Piccadilly Ave, Ottawa, K1Y 0H3

Telephone: 613-236-8070 ext.211

They have a special for new sets of towels to offer to their residents as Christmas gifts. Donations are also needed for men and women's mitts, hats, gloves, scarves, shampoo, soap, hairbrushes, make up, pajamas. Slippers, movie passes and candy/chocolates (sealed packages only please). Please call to make arrangements for drop-off.

Elizabeth Fry Society of Ottawa:

211 Bronson Ave, Ste 311, Ottawa, K1R 6H5

Telephone: 613-237-7427
ext. 0 (reception)

They are requesting toys, food and gifts for moms for their "Festive Coffee House" which takes place on December 10th 2008. To donate for this event please contact Svjetlana at ext. 203.



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Telephone: 613-230-2372

Donations are also requested for their women's residence, *J.F. Norwood House*. They are in need of such items as: blow dryers, curling iron/straightener, towels, facecloths, toothbrush covers, soap containers, bath mats, laundry supplies, make-up, feminine hygiene products, women's undergarments, sandals, shoes, boots and pajamas. Other special needs include: art supplies, first aid kits, picture frames, camera, dehumidifier and laundry baskets. For more donation ideas visit their website at the link below and click on JF Norwood House Wish List.

<http://www.efryottawa.com/about/norwood.html>

Please call to make arrangements for drop-off.

Harmony House:

PO Box 57082, Somerset Post Office,
Ottawa, K1R 1A1

Telephone: 613-233-3386

Monetary donations, gift certificates, new toiletries, folding grocery carts, welcome baskets and Family Sponsorship is requested. For more information on the family sponsorship program, contact the organization.

Minwaashin Lodge:

424 Catherine St, 2nd Flr, Ste 3, Ottawa, K1R 5T8

Telephone: 613-741-5590 ext 221

They are requesting donations for their *Sacred Children's Program*, such as: new toys, books, cd's and gift certificates.

Telephone: 613-789-6876

They are also in need of donations for their *Women's Shelter*, specifically for their "Giveaway Ceremony". They are looking for items such as: Pajamas, blankets, gift certificates, slippers, winter clothing, boots, hats and gloves. There is a special need for hats, mitts and socks for children at the shelter. Please call to make arrangements for drop-off.

**Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre
(Chrysalis House):**

2 MacNeil Court, Kanata, K2L 4H7

Telephone: 613-591-5991
ext.229 (Lindsay)

As a shelter for women and children, Chrysalis House would appreciate women's donations such as gift certificates from Wal-Mart, AMC Theatre, Kanata Leisure Centre, Local Hair Dressers, Chapters, Ikea or Loblaws. They are also in need of travel size alarm clocks, bath towels, curling irons, hair dryers, outdoor play toys, umbrellas, new undergarments and new pajamas.



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Evelyn Horne Emergency and Transitional Housing for Young Women:

Telephone: 613-789-8220

Donations are needed specifically for young women (new items only please) such as: boots, mitts, scarves, skates, pajamas and slippers, bras and underwear, socks, hoodies, flannel pajama bottoms, school supplies, bus tickets, phone cards and gift cards (Tim Hortons...).

Please call and ask for Sue to make arrangements for drop-off.

Options Bytown:

380 Cumberland St, Ottawa, K1N 9P3

Telephone: 613-241-6363
ext. 223 (Lorraine)

Donations are needed specifically for new items for men and women such as: hats, scarves, gloves, chocolate, t-shirts, pajamas, etc. Cash donations are also needed to offer Christmas dinners to their clients.

Volunteers are needed for their Christmas dinners from 10am to 7pm on December 12th and 16th, 2008.

Youville Centre:

150 Mann Ave, Ottawa, K1N 8P4

Telephone: 613-231-5150
ext 107(Caterina)

They are requesting donations specifically for children (2months-2.5 years) such as: hard books, undershirts, pajamas, diapers and wipes. They are also in need of food (or food cards) and gifts for teen parents (15-21 years)

If your agency would like to be added to this list, please call 613-241-4636

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