



Odawa Native Friendship Centre,  
250 City Centre Avenue (1<sup>st</sup> floor)  
Ottawa, Ontario, K1R 6K7

October 17th, 2017

Dear Friends,

Every year, on Christmas Eve, children will be awaiting the arrival of Santa, knowing he will be arriving by sleigh, to place gifts under their tree. We know, however, for some families, this isn't always possible. The Odawa Native Friendship Centre's annual **FOOD FOR FRIENDS** Christmas food and gift drive, helps make this time of year a special and happy time for all families.

### **We are asking for the community's support!**

Last year, we were able to support 300 local Aboriginal, Inuit and Metis families with Christmas food Hampers and gifts. We believe that the need this year will be even greater, so community support is needed more than ever. Every year, we accept donations for our annual FOOD FOR FRIENDS food & gift drive!

We are asking for **Gifts and Stocking stuffers** for the following ages;



#### **Gift and stocking stuffer ideas for Boys and Girls:**

- Ages 0 - 6 months** (wipes, diapers, formula, socks, booties, mobiles, diaper cream, bath toys, etc...)
- Ages 6 months to 1yr** (wipes, diapers, formula, puzzles, books, teething rings, educational toys, etc...)
- Ages 1 to 3 years** (mittens, hats, socks, tooth brushes, tights, hair accessories, stuffed toys, etc...)
- Ages 4 to 6 years** (Legos, sports items (pucks/balls), thermal wear, jewelry, play dough, chapstick, etc...)
- Ages 7 to 10 years** (sports items (hockey tape), soaps, deodorants, comics, Kleenex, head bands, etc...)
- Ages 11 to 14 years** (Gift cards, movie passes, art supplies, gloves, socks, PJ's, fast food cards, etc...)

So please ask your employees to help out by collecting toys for ages 0 to 14, non-perishable foods, money, wrapping paper, tape, and Christmas treats such as chocolates, and candy canes. Our staff and volunteers begin packing hampers and wrapping gifts the week of **December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017**.

If you have any questions, or would like to make a donation or volunteer, please call Kim Jerome, on behalf of the Food for Friends Committee, she can be reached at **613-722-3811 (ext. 255)**, or email, [comptroller@odawa.on.ca](mailto:comptroller@odawa.on.ca) or leave a message with our receptionist. Time is moving quickly so please start the Joy of Giving in your organization today.

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Sincerely,

Staff of the Odawa Native Friendship Centre

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