



DPPCA 2020 Christmas Miracle Food Hamper Project



Feeding the
Community



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We are thrilled to let the community know that the **2020 Christmas Miracle Food Hamper Project** is still happening !

There have been a lot of cancelled events due to the COVID-19 situation, and truly this year is unique, something we have never experienced before. But one thing is for sure – we cannot cancel Christmas. The committee has been busy planning and getting things ready for this yearly event. Also, this year will be more meaningful than ever, not only due to the COVID-19 impact to families, but because we are dedicating this year's event in **Florence Carbray's** memory, whom we lost in February of this year. She had been a valued committee member and a strong advocate for the community. Florence started the annual Christmas Miracle Food Hamper project in 1982 with a few other volunteers. They prepared the 5 food hampers in one of the volunteer's living room. Since then, this project has significantly grown into delivering 50 healthy food hampers with hats and mitts, and books for children. This is now coordinated by 15 committee members, who work closely with the Christmas Bureau and DPPCA. About 100 other volunteers participate yearly in this event. We are thankful for the continued support received from area schools, churches, businesses and individuals over the past 37 years, and look forward to working with the community for the year 2020.

Now, more than ever we need to make this happen. With your help and support, we know we can do this.

You make this project possible ! We are all in this together !

How can you help?

- ❖ **FINANCIAL DONATIONS** - Donations over \$20.00 will receive an income tax receipt from the City of Kitchener
 - Make cheque payable to the “**City of Kitchener**” (make sure to print your phone number on the back of the cheque), and deliver/mail it in an envelope addressed to **DPPCA, 150 Pioneer Drive, Kitchener ON, N2P 2C2**
Please mark your envelope: Attention - Christmas Miracle
 - Via credit card – call the **DPPCA Centre at (519) 741-2641**
 - Via e-transfer – email AnnualChristmasMiracleProject@gmail.com >> At this time, this option is not eligible for income tax receipt, but if you provide your phone and/or address in the Notes section, we will definitely send you a “Thank You letter” at the end of the project .
 - As a note, the amount of \$175.00 will pay for a Christmas food hamper for a family of 4.

- ❖ **NEW WINTER HATS AND MITTENS / YARN / BOOKS FOR CHILDREN**
 - Drop-off at **Doon Pioneer Park Community Centre** until Dec. 11th.
 - We also have a donation barrel located at the **Doon Mills Guardian Pharmacy, 260 Doon South Dr.**
 - Send us an email (AnnualChristmasMiracleProject@gmail.com) to donate books, hats & mitts, yarn or to find out how-to-pick-up yarn, or if you want to be a volunteer knitter.

- ❖ **VOLUNTEER**
 - Yearly, we look forward to working with volunteers, but sadly for this year, we are **NOT** accepting any volunteer registration due to the COVID-19 restrictions. However, you can still participate in this project by supporting us financially (see above).
 - Let us know if your group needs our help to organize or run a fundraising event or campaign to raise awareness of the Food Hamper Project in our community.

- ❖ **SPREAD THE WORD** (If you know of anyone who can benefit from this project)
 - Families in need of a FOOD HAMPER can register from **Nov. 2nd to 30th, 2020** by contacting the **House of Friendship Food Hamper Program** at 807 Guelph St, Kitchener, 519-742-5860 (<http://christmashampers.ca/how-to-apply/>). ID for family members and income information will be required.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

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Leave a message with the DPPCA Staff: 519-741-2641