



## STONY PLAIN AND WEST PARKLAND

# CHRISTMAS HAMPERS 2023

THANK YOU for your continued support, generosity and kindness towards local deserving families that need a helping hand this holiday season. For the 45<sup>th</sup> year, the Stony Plain Kinsmen and volunteers are working to make Christmas brighter for local families who are struggling. Our goal is to support families in need with food and gifts for the holidays. Last year with your help, we assisted 738 families in our area and supported over 2000 residents!

Planning for the 2023 season is well underway. We will continue with the changes made in recent years:

- The Parkland Food Bank will be administering the distribution of the food portion of the Christmas Hampers. The Kinsmen will support the Parkland Food Bank with gift cards for food to contribute to the “upsized” December hamper. If you receive food donations, please direct the donators to the Parkland Food Bank or a grocery store collection bin.
- All registrations for a hamper must be done with the [Parkland Food Bank](#).
- The gift portion of the Christmas Hamper program will be run completely separate from the food. The Kinsmen will collect and distribute gifts and gift cards to children 17 and under. Last year, we provided gifts to 920 children in our area!
- The gifts/gift cards will be organized and assembled for each family the week of December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and distributed from the Stony Plain Heritage Pavilion on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Families will be contacted regarding instructions for pick up.
- Considering these changes, we strongly encourage monetary donations as well as gifts and gift cards this year. We can also accept toques, mitts, and scarves for redistribution.

We rely on our community and surrounding area to donate to this important local cause. We are a 100% volunteer-based non-profit group and can only assist those in need in our community with your help. We will post any available volunteer opportunities at [stonyplainkinsmen.ca](http://stonyplainkinsmen.ca) as they arise.

YOU CAN HELP support your community at Christmas by donating:

- Monetary donations or local grocery store gift cards which will go towards a family’s ‘upsized’ December food hamper.

- Gift cards or new, unwrapped gifts for children 17 and under (local gift cards are ideal for ages 10+).

## **Gift donation deadline is Sunday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

### **Cash and gift cards are accepted year round.**

#### **WAYS TO DONATE**

- We accept all monetary, gift card and toy donations
- Donate at over 70 designated business locations plus all the schools in Stony Plain and area. Look for the Kinsmen donation bin and poster. Many locations will also have cash donation boxes beside their cash registers.
- Cheques should be made payable to: Stony Plain Kinsmen Christmas Hampers. You may drop cheques off at All Stars Signs in Stony Plain or you may mail them to Box 2231 Stony Plain, AB T7Z1X7.
- For additional information, please refer to [www.stonyplainkinsmen.ca](http://www.stonyplainkinsmen.ca). Please direct any questions to [stonyplainkinsmen@gmail.com](mailto:stonyplainkinsmen@gmail.com) or call Ed Berney at (780) 915-6934.

THANK YOU for your incredible support of local families at Christmas. Best wishes for a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season!

The Kinsmen Club of Stony Plain