

2023 CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Spruce Grove, Stony Plain & Parkland Area

Kinette Club of Spruce Grove
Box 3664 Spruce Grove, Alberta T7X 3A9

Kinsmen Club of Stony Plain
Box 2231 Stony Plain, Alberta T7Z 1X7



THANK YOU for your continued support, generosity and kindness towards local deserving families that need a helping hand this holiday season.

The Spruce Grove Kinettes lead the Hamper program for Spruce Grove & East Parkland residents, the Stony Plain Kinsmen lead the Hamper program for Stony Plain & West Parkland residents, and working together, they make Christmas brighter for local families struggling with a limited income.

As we are all part of the larger Tri-Region, both organizations run mirror programs and are able to share area donations collected through many joint initiatives and local events.

Our goal is to support local families in need with food and gifts over the holidays, and last year, with your help, we assisted just under 1400 families in our area, and supported almost 4000 residents!

Planning for the 2023 season is well underway. This year's program will be running with the same changes we made back in 2020:

- The Parkland Food Bank will be administering the distribution of the **food portion** of the Christmas Hampers, in the form of an 'upsized' December hamper for all clients. The Kinettes and Kinsmen will not collect and distribute non-perishable food, but will support the Parkland Food Bank with gift cards for food to contribute to the upsized December hamper.
- Clients can register at the Parkland Foodbank for a Christmas Hamper in person or call 780-962-4565 ext 1
- Last year, we provided over \$181,000.00 in grocery gift cards to hamper recipients!
- The **gift portion** of the Christmas Hamper program will be run completely separate from the food. The Kinettes and Kinsmen will collect and distribute gifts and gift cards to all children 17 and under. Last year, we provided gifts to 1682 children in our area! An increase of 182 kids over last year.
- In light of the changes these past few years, we encourage gift cards and monetary donations.

We rely on our communities and surrounding area to donate to this important, local cause. We are 100% volunteer-based non-profit groups, and can only assist those in need in our community with your help. Our primary goal is to have donations meet the need in our area at Christmas.

YOU CAN HELP us reach our goals and support your community at Christmas by DONATING:

1. Monetary donations or local grocery store gift cards will go towards a family's 'upsized' December food hamper. Denominations of \$25 works best
2. Gift cards or new, unwrapped gifts for children 17 and under (local gift cards are ideal for ages 10+).

HOW TO DONATE:

- Online donations (Donorbox) gratefully accepted
 - www.sgkinettes.ca www.stonyplainkinsmen.ca
- Donate at advertised collection locations around Spruce Grove and Stony Plain
- Cheques can be mailed, or can be picked up by one of our volunteers
 - Cheques can be made payable:

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The gifts will be organized and assembled for each family the **week of December 11th, 2023**; in Spruce Grove at the Alliance Church and in Stony Plain at the Pavilion at Heritage Park. We will be strictly adhering to health guidelines and restrictions, and kindly ask that you bring us your donations as outlined, above.

For additional information, please refer to www.sgkinettes.ca and www.stonyplainkinsmen.ca. If you know anyone in need of assistance, please encourage them to reach out to the Parkland Foodbank and apply for a Christmas Hamper.

Please direct any questions to Trina Merkel at SpruceGroveChristmasHampers@gmail.com 780-242-0516 and to Ed Berney stonyplainkinsmen@gmail.com (780) 915-6934

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

Sincerely,

The Spruce Grove Kinette and Stony Plain Kinsmen Christmas Hamper Volunteers

Let's get creative with ways to encourage donations to support our local families this year! Please tag us with your fundraising initiatives on social media- @Spruce Grove Kinettes @Stony Plain Kinsmen- and we would be thrilled to share with our community.

Some FUNDRAISING IDEAS for you:

Toy mountain- a visual way to show your support in our community

Gift card collection/challenge- within departments, between businesses/organizations/groups/teams

Work/team gift exchange- themed gift giving, donating to hampers

Portion of sales go towards Christmas Hampers

Donation collection box; team collections

50/50

Candy jar guess- minimum donation per guess

Earn/raffle off 'work perks'- time off, lunch, best parking spot, etc.

Staff each bring in 5 scratch & win cards, sell tickets for entire lottery package

Silent Auction- gift baskets, items, experiences

Receive discount at a business for items donated

Christmas Tree, poinsettia sales

Raffle off an item or an experience- sell tickets

Fitness/ Step Challenge- minimum donation to participate