



## **STONY PLAIN AND WEST PARKLAND**

# **CHRISTMAS HAMPERS 2023**

**THANK YOU** to the students and their families, and all staff at the local area schools that support the Christmas Hamper program in Stony Plain and west Parkland. For the 45<sup>th</sup> year, the Stony Plain Kinsmen and volunteers are working to make Christmas brighter for local families struggling with a limited income. 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! We anticipate a significant increase this year.

In 2023, we will accept non-perishable food items at the schools only. If you do receive food donations, we will gladly take them to the Parkland Food Bank for you. We will collect monetary donations, gifts, and local grocery store gift cards to 'upsized' the Parkland Food Bank's December hampers for all clients. All applications for a food hamper must be made in person or by phone at the Parkland Food Bank beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>.

We will continue to run the gift portion of the program as usual and will collect and distribute gifts and gift cards to children 17 and under. To ensure a diverse selection of age-appropriate gifts, we are asking for donations of new, unwrapped gifts or gift cards that are based on gender and age. For children 10 and older, gift cards are ideal. Please refer to [stonyplainkinsmen.ca](http://stonyplainkinsmen.ca) for additional information and gift ideas. Last year, we provided gifts to 920 children in our area!

**Items will be picked up at the schools on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023.** Gift hampers will then be assembled and distributed to registered families on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Families must register through the Parkland Food Bank to receive a Kinsmen Christmas Hamper.

Ray Côté will be your contact and is available to speak with any class and/or assembly. Please leave a message on the Kinsmen phone at (780) 915-6934 and he will return your call. Also, visit [stonyplainkinsmen.ca](http://stonyplainkinsmen.ca) for 'School Information' and a list of 'Gift Ideas'.

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

Sincerely,  
The Kinsmen Club of Stony Plain