



Kinsmen Club  
of Stony Plain

## STONY PLAIN AND WEST PARKLAND

# CHRISTMAS HAMPERS 2020

THANK YOU for your continued support, generosity and kindness towards local deserving families that need a helping hand this holiday season. For the 42<sup>nd</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 629 families in our area and supported over 1800 residents!

Planning for the 2020 season is well underway. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions, there will be major changes to the Christmas Hamper program this year:

- 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 Kinsmen will be unable to collect and distribute non-perishable food this year but will support the Parkland Food Bank with gift cards for food to contribute to the upsized December hamper. 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 750 children in our area!
- 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 our mini-share area.

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. Due to COVID restrictions will not be able to accommodate all our past volunteers. We will miss all of you and your devoted hard work very much and hope to be able to reconnect in 2021 in this meaningful community effort. Please contact Ed Berney at [eberney7@gmail.com](mailto:eberney7@gmail.com) for volunteer-related questions. We will post any available volunteer opportunities at [stonyplainkinsmen.ca](http://stonyplainkinsmen.ca) as they arise.

This year provides us with an added challenge, COVID-19. We will all need to get creative with ways to encourage donations to support our local families this year!

YOU CAN HELP support your community at Christmas by DONATING:

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

### **WAYS TO DONATE**

- We can accept all monetary, gift card and toy donations
- Donate at over 50 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. We can pick them up or you may mail them to Box 2231 Stony Plain, AB T7Z1X7.
- The gifts/gift cards will be organized and assembled for each family the week of December 14th, 2020 at the Stony Plain Heritage Pavilion. Families will be contacted regarding pick up.
- 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!

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