



## **STONY PLAIN AND WEST PARKLAND**

# **CHRISTMAS HAMPERS 2020**

**THANK YOU** to the students and staff at all local area schools that support the Christmas Hamper program in Stony Plain and west Parkland. For the 42<sup>nd</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 629 families in our area and supported over 1800 residents!

There are big changes to the program this year as detailed on the main page of our website. Once again, we are looking for donations to match the need in our area over the holidays and can only support these families with the entire community's involvement.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions, there will be major changes to the Christmas Hamper program this year, and we will NOT be collecting non-perishable food items. We will collect monetary donations, gifts, and local grocery store gift cards to 'upsized' the Parkland Food Bank December hamper for all clients. We will still be running 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 your child's 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 750 children in our area!

**Items will be picked up at the schools on Monday, December 14, 2020.** Hampers will then be assembled and distributed to registered families on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Ray Côté will be your school contact and will be in touch about this year's program and how you can help support local residents at Christmas. Please visit [stonyplainkinsmen.ca](http://stonyplainkinsmen.ca) for additional 'School Information', including 'Student Information', a printable 'Collection Poster' for classrooms or donation areas, and a list of 'Gift Donation 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