

Guide to Christmas Volunteering and Donating 2022

Whether it's volunteering time, donating money, or offering toys and food items for charitable causes, there are plenty of great ways to make a meaningful contribution this holiday season. Following are just a few options for our North Shore community to help:



Salvation Army Christmas Kettles

Money raised from the Kettles goes directly back to serving those in our communities! A few hours of your time standing by the kettles would be very much appreciated. Sign up online at www.salvationarmy.ca/volunteer/

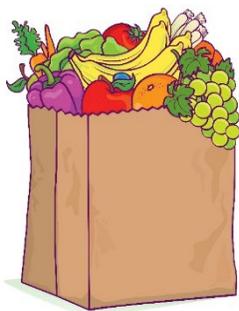


Alternatively, the Salvation Army is accepting donations of diapers, baby clothing and formula feminine hygiene products to make up their hampers. Call 604-988-7225 for more details.

Family Services of the North Shore Christmas Bureau provides holiday gift baskets, toys, gently used clothing and groceries to North Shore neighbours in need. The Christmas Bureau has recently moved and is now located year-round as the Community Hub at P2-943 Marine Dr., North Vancouver (inside the former Sears Store). Gift items are accepted and much appreciated, especially for the tweens and teens (gift cards, hockey sticks, fitness equipment, hair tools, jewelry, purses, hoodies, local sports team gear, etc.). Many opportunities for volunteers are available year-round through the new Community Hub and additional Family Services of the North Shore programs. Those wishing to help are gratefully welcomed. If you are interested in becoming involved as a volunteer, please email Kailey Wilson at kwilson@familyservices.bc.ca or visit the website www.familyservices.bc.ca/volunteer.

Greater Vancouver Food Bank: Donations of food items and money can be made through many of your local supermarkets.

Harvest Project: Make a donation online at: <https://m.charitableimpact.com/rVgL> so that we can continue to serve the hundreds of families who need help each month. And, you will receive an instant tax-receipt. You can also make a cash donation at City Market Lonsdale or drop a grocery item in the Harvest Project bin at many local grocery stores – to help a neighbour who is struggling to cover their food needs, right now. Each week, we're sharing these grocery resources with those who need help. We are very happy to accept donations of gently used adult clothing and non-perishable grocery items. Please drop-by our office from 10am-4pm Tuesday-Friday, and then call Reception at (604) 983-9488 so that we can receive your items. Warehouse and Grocery Volunteers are also needed to assist with holiday donations. For more information call 604-983-9488 or visit our website: <https://harvestproject.org/volunteer>





Lookout Emergency Aid Society accepts many items such as new men's and women's socks, underwear, and toiletries, including deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and razors; hats, gloves, boots, rain gear; bus tickets; towels; knapsacks. Pet food can also be accepted as many residents bring their pets. Call the front desk at 604-982-9126 before dropping off items at 705 West 2nd Street. Ask for donation pamphlet.

North Shore Crisis Services Society and SAGE House will be putting together and delivering gift packages and hampers for the women and children who have used their services this past year in lieu of their annual client event, "A Visit with Santa." They are gratefully accepting donations of new gift items/gift cards for women and children of all ages. Some needed gift suggestions are: pajamas and bathrobes in medium to x-large sizes, slippers and underwear for women; grocery and household gift cards, new toys, gift cards for teens (H&M, EB games), winter clothing and boots for teens and children and bus tickets. NSCSS would greatly appreciate receiving these gifts by Thursday December 15th at the Good Stuff Connection, 154 West 3rd Street, North Vancouver.

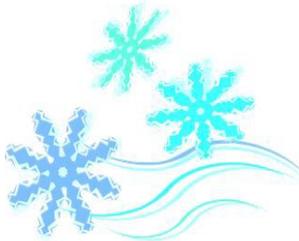


Gift drop offs can be made between 11am and 4pm seven days a week (except public holidays). For further information on donating, please contact Cindy Maedel at 604-987-0366, ext. 100

North Shore Women's Centre will gratefully accept donations of non-perishable food items and new/unopened toiletry products as well as gift cards/small gifts for women and children. Donations can be accepted until December 17th at 131 East 2nd Street, North Vancouver (Mon-Thurs Drop-in 10 am – 3pm). Call 604-984-6009 or email info@northshorewomen.ca for more information.

The West Vancouver Seniors' Activity Centre is gratefully accepting donations to the Feed the Need Campaign a program that delivers free meals to vulnerable high-risk seniors. Donations can be made to the Seniors' Activity Centre <https://westvancouver.ca/carousel/read-more-about-feed-need>

The Seniors' Activity Centre is also accepting volunteers for food packaging, food services, driving, delivery and the Snow Angels Program (sidewalk and walkway shoveling). Call 604-925-7280 to donate or 604-925-7288 to volunteer.



Your neighbourhood: Help your neighbours if it snows by shovelling their walkways or offering to pick up items at the grocery store.

Volunteering: There are opportunities to volunteer during the year as well. Call Volunteer North Shore at NSCR, 604-985-7138, to find out more, or check the website for updates: <https://volunteer.nscr.ca/>