

**St. Vincent DePaul Adopt a Family for Christmas**  
**250-640-0000 (Laura's Cell); svdpchristmaspg@gmail.com**

*Thank you for sponsoring a family this Christmas. Your generosity is so greatly appreciated. It is suggested that you use this form to track the progress of your Christmas Project:*

1. Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_
2. Please contact your family as soon as you receive their names and application. Be sure to...
  - Inform the family that you will be supplying their hamper and feel free to ask questions about the children and their needs.
  - It is your choice whether you share with them your personal or organizations' name. We are also happy to be the 'go-between' and make these calls for you if you want. Please communicate with us if you need our assistance.
  - Be sure to get an alternate phone number if there isn't one on the application (this is critical as people will often run out of cell phone minutes and/or phone lines get disconnected the week of Christmas).
  - Closer to Christmas we'd ask that you call and arrange a date and time to deliver the hamper (preferably by Saturday, December 22nd as this is when all the other hampers will be delivered in PG). ***It is suggested that you try not to deliver too early before Christmas so as to have fresh food the week of Christmas.*** Please also remember that some people may not have a freezer or a roasting pan to put a turkey into. Please ask!
3. Now it's time to shop!! Items **to consider**:
  - Food (suggested list attached). Food items should include the fixings for Christmas day (special breakfast and dinner) as well as staples to add to their cupboards. Please consider some fresh/perishable items as well.
  - Warm mitts, socks and scarves for the family
  - Gift cards (albeit we suggest you keep those to a minimum, if at all)
  - Movie, concert tickets; swim or bus passes (great for the teens)
  - Be sure to read the families information sheet, this may help guide you with ideas that are within your budget and help them with their NEEDS.
4. Laura will contact you by Dec 15 to ensure you have successfully contacted your family and answer any questions you may have.
5. **\*\*Please contact your family the day or weekend prior to delivery date** to confirm that they will be home when we go deliver as this is a busy time of year and plans can change quick.
6. Deliver your hamper and then please contact Laura by phone/text (250-640-0000); or email at [svdpchristmaspg@gmail.com](mailto:svdpchristmaspg@gmail.com) to confirm the successful delivery. **Remember we won't sleep until we know ALL our families hampers are delivered!!**

**Special notation:** Some of the families that have applied for a hamper may be the working poor, i.e. single or dual parents with a job that just can't make ends meet. Some may have recently lost their job or have health issues that are crippling them financially. Many of the homes may have families with social or mental health issues, or drug addictions. Please know that your kindness now ensures **that the kids** in these homes will now have **fresh food** and something to look forward to on Christmas Morning. Our hamper program is focused on the KIDS who live in these homes. What a blessing this hamper will be to them. On the day of your delivery we kindly ask that you remember and/or reflect on the humbling words of St Vincent DePaul as you enter their home: ***"True charity opens its arms and closes its eyes"***. Thank you for your compassion in serving those less fortunate. **We are forever grateful.**