



Dear Friends,

Once again, we are preparing for the Victoria Women's Transition House annual Christmas in Transition Hamper Program. We hope that we can count on your support again to help make the holiday season a happier time of year for the women and children who stayed at the shelter this year.

Former residents of Transition House tell us that the hampers they received from our donors made all the difference. "Thank you so much for your help at the darkest time in my life. You opened up new doors and comforted me when I needed it most. Your warm kindness will always stay with me. I am happy, productive and still learning. Thank you for being there!"

Please consider providing a hamper this year. You can complete the attached form and return it to us (before November 16) and we will be in touch with you to match you with an individual or a family who fits the description you have provided. We will contact the individual or family and get a wish list from them to help make the hamper as personal as possible. Our fax number and mailing address is on the Hamper Donor Form (attached). If you have questions please contact us at 250-380-7527 ext 116 or send an email to christmas@vwth.bc.ca.

If you would like to support the women and children at Transition House but do not want to donate a hamper, please go to our website (www.transitionhouse.net) for other ways you can give during the holiday season and throughout the year. You or your group may wish to organize a workplace fundraising event, or collect donations towards our Campaign for Emergency Shelter Services.

We appreciate the many caring individuals and groups who make the Christmas in Transition Hamper Program such a success each year. We look forward to hearing from you again.

Sincerely,

Victoria Women's Transition House Society

christmas@vwth.bc.ca




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Christmas Hamper Program

If this is your first year creating a hamper for a woman and her children, here are some ideas of what is typically included in the hampers:

-  New, wrapped gifts for hamper recipients
-  New, wrapped gifts for the woman
-  A grocery store gift certificate of approximately \$100 to purchase a Christmas dinner for a family, or \$50 for a single woman

Please note that we request that hampers do not include food; instead, please include a gift certificate (for the store of her choice if possible) that will allow the woman to purchase groceries herself. Please do not include cash, or alcoholic beverages in the hampers.

When we match you with a family or single woman, staff from transition house will send you a wish list that the hamper recipient(s) have provided. This wish list will give you, as donors, details about the hamper recipient's interests, i.e. favourite stores, favourite colours, sizes, and a wish list for what they would like this year from Santa Clause. This helps to make the hampers more personal—you will be actually picking out presents for a specific individual!

After we match you with a family/woman and you have created your hamper, please bring your completed hamper at our Community Office on the day specified to you when we matched you with your hamper recipient.

Our Community Office is located at **Suite 100-3060 Cedar Hill Road.**

CHRISTMAS DONATION DROP OFF

EITHER

Thursday, December 10, 2009 10 am to 8 pm

OR

Friday, December 11, 2009 10am to 8 pm

Thank you so much for your interest in helping families at Christmas time. If you have any further questions, please contact us at 250-380-7527 ext. 116

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HAMPER DONOR INFORMATION

INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION:			
CONTACT NAME:			
MAILING ADDRESS:			
EMAIL:			
PHONE NUMBER:		FAX NUMBER:	

Details concerning Donor's wishes:

Number of Hampers:				
Size of Family: (Please check one box for each hamper)	Single woman	1 child	2 children	3 + children
Office use only: REFERENCE NUMBER -				

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