



Dear Friends,

I want to express my deepest appreciation and millions of "Thank You's" to the staff and volunteers, as well as donors for our Christmas Hamper last month. In times of turmoil for us your initial phone call for offering it brought joy and hope. For the weeks after, I felt like we were not forgotten, nor let alone. This feeling of being part of our community gave me the courage to continue to overcome my daily challenges. I was able to save/use money in a prudent way for our daily needs, and also to help pay for huge medical/rehab bills from my injuries sustained in the past. I can't envision how I would have been able to afford many presents for my son nor to even have the physical stamina and strength to shop and wrap multiple presents while still in active rehab for many injuries. ~Hamper Recipient

Thank you for your past support! **We hope you will consider preparing a hamper this year.**

New: Hamper Options:

1. 2011 Women, With or Without Children:

- The women or families who accessed our programs or stayed at the Shelter this year and have moved on to a safe life without abuse.
- We will provide you with a family's wish list.

2. Expectant "Unknown" Families Who Arrive at Christmas:

- These are women and/or families who will arrive at the Shelter within days of Christmas. As we are not aware of the demographics now, we will not be able to share exact ages or names.
- We can provide you with an "imagined" family's wish list. Your hamper will provide gifts and happiness to incoming residents at Christmas.

3. General Items for Shelter:

- We will provide you with a list of items needed year round.

The hamper drop-off dates to the Community Office are December 8 & 9. If you are able to participate this year, please fill in the attached form and return by scanning and emailing to christmas@vwth.bc.ca, or by mail to the Community Office.

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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 a Mom and her Children or a Single 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 a 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 from Santa Clause. This helps to make the hampers more personal - you will actually be 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 to 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 8, 2011 between 10:00AM and 7:00PM

OR

Friday December 9, 2011 between 10:00AM and 7:00PM

Thank you so much for your interest in helping families at Christmas time.

If you have any further questions, please contact:

Heidi Gayleard at 250-380-7527, ext# 110.

christmas@vwth.bc.ca



Company Name

Ms. Mrs. Mr.

Miss Dr.

Main Contact/Donor First Name

Main Contact/Donor Last Name

Ms. Mrs. Mr.

Miss Dr.

Contact/Donor First Name

Contact/Donor Last Name

Mailing Address:

Apartment

Street Address

City

Province

Postal Code

Phone

Email

Fax

Web site

FAMILY SIZE: (Please indicate the number of hampers for each family size)

QTY	DESCRIPTION
	Single woman
	Mom plus one child
	Mom plus two children
	Mom plus three or more children
	Expectant "Unknown" Families Who Arrive at Christmas
	TOTAL NUMBER OF HAMPERS

OFFICE USE ONLY

RECEIVED DATE

RECEIVING STAFF

MONTH DAY YEAR

PLEASE PRINT

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