

## **Christmas Hamper Program 2019 - Donor Guidelines**

**Thank you** for participating in our Christmas Hamper Program. The following guidelines will help you assemble a hamper that will allow your assigned family to celebrate their special Christmas traditions. Although the specific contents are left to your imagination and creativity, we do strive to ensure that **each hamper contains the following:**

### **For Personalized Hampers:**

- **GROCERY GIFT CARD** – **every hamper MUST have this** (\$100+ for a family / \$50 for a single woman). Placed in a clearly marked envelope so women can access easily.
- **GIFTS/GIFT CARDS** - New gift items & gift cards for each member of the family (approx \$50-\$100 per person). Gifts to be wrapped.
- **Gift Receipts** – in case exchange is needed (different size, etc)
- **List of any wrapped children's gifts** - so Mom knows what to expect and can avoid duplication.

### **For "Shelter Family" Hampers:**

- Grocery and/or other Gift Cards (placed in a clearly marked envelope)
- Unwrapped gift items (we can provide a list of ideas)

### **However, please do not include:**

- × Food Items (instead, a grocery gift card will allow the woman to buy food, according to her family's particular needs and traditions)
- × Cash
- × Alcoholic Beverages
- × Used items with the exception of large items such as electronics, bicycles etc. (Please check with Christmas Coordinator)
- × **Names (please do not include anything which identifies you or your company)**

**IMPORTANT: Please place all Gift Cards in a clearly marked and easy to find envelope, to facilitate access for pre-Christmas / Christmas Dinner shopping. Thank You!**

Once we've found you a match from our client list, we will send you a personalized Wish List, with information about the family members, as well as their most pressing needs and special wishes. The Wish List is to be treated as a guideline, do not feel the need to buy everything on it and feel free to add items you think your match may like. This allows you to truly personalize your hamper.

When you receive your Wish List you will be given a specific date, within our Christmas Hamper Weekend, (December 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019) for you to drop off your completed hamper at our Community Office (3060 Cedar Hill Rd, ste 100).

Thanks, once again, for being at the heart of this wonderful program. Your kindness makes a world of difference to these families. If you have any questions along the way, please feel free to contact us, at 250-380-7527 ext 110 or [christmas@vwth.bc.ca](mailto:christmas@vwth.bc.ca).