



Holiday Hope 2023

Information for Community Sponsors



The 2023 holiday season is almost here. During this time we rely on support from our community to help provide for children and families in need. The economic crisis continues to create trials of extreme hardship, which puts families in difficult and challenging positions. In these dark times, your support provides a ray of hope, letting our families know they are not alone.

Our Holiday Hope Campaign is once again seeking monetary donations/gifts cards to provide to our families and youth. Monetary donations/gift cards are requested in lieu of toys, clothes, etc. We ask that gift cards are donated in increments of \$25, \$50 and \$100 (to allow for equitable distribution). Through our referral program we will match your donations with specific families in need or we can provide details to you of a family in need. Cheques can be made out to Family & Children's Services of St Thomas and Elgin. For more information call Myles Proulx at 519 619-5952.

We will be hosting a Donor Recognition Party and would love to meet you in-person and say 'Thank You'! Those participating may attend on December 4, 2023 between 1:30pm and 5:00 pm for coffee and treats (99 Edward Street, St Thomas, ON). If you are unable to attend, gift cards or funds may be dropped off anytime between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm at 99 Edward Street, St Thomas, Ontario. We hope to distribute all gift cards to family's the week of Dec 4- 8, giving them time to shop.

Last year we were able to provide to over 102 families, supporting over 211 children and youth. We anticipate greater need this year.

Gift Card/Funds Donation Drop/Party Location

- (99 Edward Street, St. Thomas)
- Any time before Dec 6 (8:30am-4:30pm)
- Place in envelope ATTN: Holiday Hope (add name/contact #)
- OR stop by for cookies/coffee to our Donor Recognition (same address) Dec 4, 1:30pm-5:00pm

Gift Card Suggestions

- All local shopping stores
- **Walmart (*most requested)**
 - Amazon
 - Winners
 - Elgin Mall
- White Oaks Mall
- Canadian Tire
- Xbox
- Local grocers

Gift Cards for Food

- If you'd like to support a family with a meal – please consider purchasing a gift card to a local grocer

Spending Guidelines

- No dollar limits set
- We try to remain equitable – so request increments of: \$25, \$50, \$100
- All donations will be accepted

Charitable Receipts

- We are happy to provide charitable receipts
- Simply keep your receipt and notify us of this request

Thank you for your thoughtfulness!