

At Family Services of the North Shore we believe a strong caring community is our shared responsibility and that working together we can change lives.

Each year, the Christmas Bureau helps some of the North Shore's most vulnerable community members by providing grocery gift cards, toys and holiday gift baskets.

Last year caring community members, including our local school communities, provided support to more than 2,500 individuals, which included 1,125 Christmas Bureau families.

These acts of generosity and compassion helped to reduce some of the overwhelming stress of financial hardship that is often felt deeply during the holiday season.

## NEED HELP?

Do you know of a family that may benefit from this giving program? To find out more about the program and what support is available families can call the Christmas Bureau at 604-984-9627 (Monday - Friday from 10am-4pm) or visit [www.familyservices.bc.ca/find-support/christmas-bureau/](http://www.familyservices.bc.ca/find-support/christmas-bureau/)

## WANT TO HELP?

Now more than ever, the Christmas Bureau is in need of donations and we are grateful for any support we receive. There are many ways you, your team, school or PAC can give back:

- [DONATE](#) to the Family Services of the North Shore on our donor page.
- Click here to [SPONSOR A FAMILY](#) during the holidays.
- Click here for [GROCERY GIFT CARD DONATION](#) (select Grocery Gift Card in STEP 1). Denominations of \$25 for Walmart, Superstore, Safeway, Thrifty's and Save-On Foods are greatly appreciated.
- [SPEARHEAD A CARING SCHOOLS INITIATIVE AT YOUR SCHOOL](#). Develop your own or join one of our existing Caring Schools Initiatives. Please contact your Caring Schools Ambassador or contact [caringschools@familyservices.bc.ca](mailto:caringschools@familyservices.bc.ca) for more information.

## QUESTIONS?

Contact Rebecca or Ria at [caringschools@familyservices.bc.ca](mailto:caringschools@familyservices.bc.ca) or call 604-984-9627.

# A CARING SCHOOLS INITIATIVE

Listed below are a few **CARING SCHOOLS INITIATIVES** that are easy to implement and have a huge impact for our North Shore families in need.

We intimately understand the nature of a busy school year for both students and staff and we are truly grateful for any and all support we receive. We strive to ensure that all of our school programs are ready to implement and easy to organize.

## **“ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS” YOUTH TO YOUTH GIFT CARD CAMPAIGN PROVIDES GIFT CARDS FOR TEENAGERS IN NEED**

Teens know what teens like! We encourage students to imagine what they, themselves, wish to receive this holiday season. With this personal wish list in mind, students can purchase a gift card (with an approximate \$20 value) to their favourite stores. These cards are collected at school to be dropped off at the Christmas Bureau and made available to families in our toy shop. Alternately, donations can be collected using the convenient Youth to Youth QR code. These invaluable cards give the true gift of dignity of choice. They enable teens and youth to be included in areas that are not typically financially accessible to them.

Recommended stores: BestBuy, London Drugs, Sephora, fast food restaurants such as McDonalds, “Happy Teen” gift cards, Park Royal gift card.

**NO TIME LIMIT OR CUT OFF DATE**

## **“SOAP FOR HOPE”**

### **PROVIDES PERSONAL HYGIENE GIFT BAGS TO ALL CHRISTMAS BUREAU CLIENTS**

No person should have to choose between being hungry and being clean. Students in each division are assigned a personal care product (only new, full sized items, please) to bring to their class. A collection area for these donations such as a box or bag is established in each classroom. On the final day of the initiative, or consistently throughout the duration depending on school preference, older students can collect and empty classroom donations to be dropped off at the Christmas Bureau. Items in need are: shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, body cream, shaving cream, razors.

**2 WEEK INITIATIVE WITH DECEMBER 2 CUT OFF DATE FOR DROP OFF**



Christmas  
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A Family Services of the North Shore program

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## "FOOD FOR THOUGHT" GROCERY GIFT CARD CAMPAIGN

### PROVIDES FOOD FOR FAMILIES, SENIORS & INDIVIDUALS IN NEED

Our families are feeling the burden of global inflation daily. Rising food and fuel costs are contributing to the overwhelming stress associated with financial hardship. This unimaginable anxiety is only compounded by the holiday season. We can help ease this burden with the simple gift of a grocery gift card. These gift cards can be collected at school or conveniently sent through the

Christmas Bureau Food for Thought Grocery Gift Card QR code.

(\$25 denomination gift cards preferred)

Requested stores: Walmart, Real Canadian Superstore, Thrifty's, Save-On and Safeway

**2 WEEK INITIATIVE WITH DECEMBER 2 CUT OFF DATE FOR DROP OFF**

## "WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE"

### PROVIDES WARM WINTER CLOTHING FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

Give the gift of warmth this winter. Students collect clean, gently used winter outerwear.

Donations are collected at school to be brought to the clothing shop at the Christmas Bureau where families in need of these items can "shop" for their children.

Items in need are: winter jackets, snow pants, boots, toques, and gloves.

Please consider donating your school's unclaimed lost & found items.

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## STUDENT COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

The Family Services of the North Shore has many opportunities for students to volunteer throughout the school year. Activities are either within the Christmas Bureau, other Family Services of the North Shore programs or within their school running Caring Schools Initiatives.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CHRISTMAS BUREAU  
AND THE SERVICES WE OFFER?

CONTACT [CARINGSCHOOLS@FAMILYSERVICES.BC.CA](mailto:CARINGSCHOOLS@FAMILYSERVICES.BC.CA) OR CALL 604-984-9627.



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# Family Services of the North Shore 2021 Impact Report

Thank you for being a generous supporter of vulnerable children, teens, seniors, and families in our community. We want to share the difference that the Christmas Bureau has made to our neighbours this Holiday season.



## Thank you from a single mom.

"As a single mother, I was feeling down about needing help. The Christmas Bureau volunteers made me feel uplifted and like myself again. They are amazing and I am so thankful for the support."

## Thank you from a senior who receives weekly meal deliveries.

"Thank you so much for the beautiful lunch, as well as for the box of chocolate you sent along for my birthday. I am so thankful for all of your kindness, bless all of you!"



## Thank you from a family who received a personalized holiday gift basket.

"Thank you for making our Christmas brighter! Because of the gift cards we received, our teenage daughter could choose her own clothes and shoes for school. I haven't seen her that excited in a long time and she looks great!"

## Thank you from a neighbour in need of connection.

"I've set up my phone so that when I receive a call from the Christmas Bureau, it shows a picture of an angel. It makes me feel like there is someone on my side who cares about me."



The difference made during the holidays and throughout 2021



**2,540**  
individuals  
supported



**1,125**  
families in  
need



**1**  
Caring  
Community



**980**  
toys and  
gifts for  
children



**1,125**  
holiday gift  
baskets



**280**  
senior's care  
packages



**4,180**  
meals for  
seniors



**1,850+**  
bags of  
groceries



**1,500+**  
hours child  
counselling



**630**  
volunteers



**7,975**  
caring calls  
to isolated  
neighbours



**7,100**  
volunteer  
hours



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