



5 ways for groups and individuals to support SOS Caring for Community at Christmas

Thank you for your interest in helping make Christmas a little brighter for our residents!

*Please contact us before you undertake your project so we can ensure it will work for all parties and gets where it needs to go on time.

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1. **Make an individual or group financial donation.** In order to meet the needs of all local residents who register for our program, SOS is hoping to raise \$300,000 this Christmas. We purchase grocery store gift cards with the funds collected so families and individuals can choose their own food items that are meaningful to them over the holidays.

Date to get it in: By Dec.21.

2. **Host your own fundraiser for SOS.** Hosting a holiday event or a gathering with friends and family? Collect monetary donations or donations of new, unwrapped gifts for our Christmas program. Or consider making handmade items or baked goods and having a sale with the proceeds to SOS.

Date to get it in: By Dec. 21.

3. **Make Christmas stockings for adults** (without children) who access the SOS Christmas program. This might be the only touch of Christmas these individuals receive. Christmas Stockings could be purchased and stuffed with small items like socks, soap and books (no alcohol or perishable items). All items must be unwrapped.

Date to get it in: Dec.12

4. **Purchase gifts for the Toy Shop that target an area/age group where we are low.** At Christmas we often become short on gifts for certain age groups, such as teens and tweens, or on specific items such as Lego, puzzles or books. Consider helping us restock these needed items.

Date to get it in: Check-in with us anytime until Dec. 19 (the sooner the better!).

5. **Handmade Christmas cards by children.**

This would be a great addition to a number of areas of programming this Christmas. Children could include their first name and age, if they wish, and this would brighten Christmas for so many of our clients:

- To go in Christmas Stockings for seniors. Quantity: up to 200, any amount is appreciated.

Date to get it in: Dec.5

- Seniors Connecting program, Annual Christmas Luncheon. Quantity: approx. 50 cards needed so everyone gets one.

Date to get it in: Nov. 22 for Parksville and Nov. 28 for Qualicum.