



# Calgary Board of Education

## HOLIDAY RESOURCES

### Calgary Firefighters

#### Toy Association

- The Calgary Firefighters Toy Association works on a referral basis in consultation with various social services and both school boards to determine our recipients. Recipients 12 and under will be informed of the program and invited based on the referral.
- Children up to 12 years old receive a wrapped, new toy. <https://cfdtoyassoc.org/>

#### Magic of Christmas

- Available by referral. Deadline Dec. 10, 2023. "Reindeer buses" deliver toys to children's homes on Christmas Eve. Agency will not go into homes, will deliver toys outside. Only available every 3 years. Cannot access if accessing another toy program 403-803-1619 <https://themagicofchristmas.org/about/referrals/>

#### Closer to Home Adopt a Family

- For communities north of 16th Ave and west of Deerfoot Trail, receive a Christmas gift card (403) 543-0555 as for an over phone assessment to qualify (self-referral). Limited space. <https://closerthohome.com/ways-to-give/adopt-a-family/>

#### Kinette Club-Adopt-a-Family

- Available by referral once every three years. <https://kin Calgary.com/adopt-a-family/>

#### Northeast Calgary Adopt-a-Family:

- Available by referral through Community Resource Centers. Northeast Calgary – must be referred by an agency. (403) 590-6656 or by email at [necaafs@shaw.ca](mailto:necaafs@shaw.ca) <https://www.necaafs.com/>

#### The Alexandra Centre Society Christmas Hampers

- Available by referral. To be considered for a hamper, a referral request, from a social worker or service agency, needs to be sent from the referring agencies business e-mail address. [info@alexandracentresociety.org](mailto:info@alexandracentresociety.org) <https://www.alexandracentresociety.org/programs/christmas-hampers>

#### Salvation Army-Christmas Toy program

- Self-referral. Family can go in person, with their ID and Notice of Assessment to show that they qualify for the program (There are no guarantees they will be accepted).

- If they have a worker, the family can submit their application online. They complete the first part, save it and it sends a link to their email address, which they can share with their worker. The worker then, confirms they have seen proof of income and ID and explains their role. Must not be receiving toys from other programs Call (403) 410-1158.  
<https://www.salvationarmycalgary.org/wp/2021-christmas-toy-program/>

### **The Mustard Seed**

- The Mustard Seed Holiday Hamper. Need proof of low income. Pick up at a Mustard Seed location. Registration starts after thanksgiving. Not a whole hamper, it is a Christmas dinner Register via the Wellness Centre advocates 587-393-4930  
<https://theseed.ca/christmas/>

### **Women's Centre Toy Room**

- The Women's Centre Holiday Toy Room helps women and families by operating a gift program, where women can choose a holiday gift for their children, as well as a gift for themselves. 403-264-1155 Call us starting November 29th to book an appointment for December. Gifts for women and their children. Please bring ID for yourself and each child. Available if not accessing another toy program.  
<https://www.womenscentrecalgary.org/donate/toy-room/>

### **Made By Momma Christmas Programs**

- Adopt a Momma for Christmas
  - Santa's Workshop
  - Holiday Food Hampers
- Application Process – A Social Worker referral is required from an agency where the applicant is actively involved with agency programming. Website & Email: Requests for support must come through the "Contact Us" form on the website:  
<https://madebymomma.org/contact-us-2>    <https://madebymomma.org/christmas/>

### **Free Winter Holiday Events**

- Calgary Farmers Market – Visit Santa's reindeer (outdoors) starting November 27<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Lights at Spruce Meadows <https://www.sprucemeadows.com/christmaslights/>
- Inglewood Christmas Light up the Night – <https://inglewoodyc.ca/christmas-in-inglewood/>
- Lion's Festival of Lights – <https://www.lionsfestivaloflights.ca/>
- Okotoks Gingerbread Station – <https://www.okotoks.ca/gingerbread-station-2023>

### **Align Association of Community Services**

- Online Advent Calendar

<https://alignab.ca/indigenous-christmas-online-advent-calendar-for-kids-families/>

### **Other Food Hampers/ Meals:**

- Abundant life churches – 403-246-1804 By app't. Catchment area- south of Spruce Dr. west of 14 St SW and north of Glenmore Tr.
- Awo Taan-403-531-1880
- Calgary Food Bank- 403-253-2055 Seniors only.
- Calgary Meals on Wheels – 403-243-2834
- Centre Street Church – 403-293-3900
- Dash mesh culture centre – 403-590-0970
- Hope mission Calgary – 403-474-3237

**\*Check websites for updates.**

**\*More programs may become available and begin advertising closer to December.**

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