



## Christmas Hamper Appeal for Low-Income, Inner-city Families

We are so grateful for the generosity of churches and individuals who support the Vancouver Urban Ministries Christmas Hamper Program. Christmas 2020 is likely to be a Christmas with a difference. This year, we have added more children and their families to our program so your help and kindness is even more important to ensure that these people from the poorest neighborhoods of Vancouver will have a joyful Christmas.

One of the highlights of the year for the families in our tutoring and music programs is our Christmas Dinner where we give each family a Christmas hamper and presents for the kids, provided by our amazing Church and individual partners. Due to the COVID 19 restrictions, we will not be holding an "in-person" Christmas celebration this year. However, we are planning a fun **Online Christmas Party** which we hope will include food, live music, dance, video, quizzes, fun activities and a talk about the importance of Christmas. Also, we will be delivering **family hampers** and **children's gifts** to the families.

We expect 80 families to join our Christmas event, so we have decided to reduce the size of the Christmas hampers we will be delivering and focus on a larger grocery gift-card. The "hamper" this year will include:

1. **A Family Chocolate Surprise** (something sweet and chocolatey for the whole family).
2. **\$100 worth of President's Choice grocery gift cards (Physical gift card, not digital):**
  - a. These can be one gift card of \$100 or divided into 4 x \$25 cards, 2 x \$50 cards, or 10 x \$10 cards. If a few people are chipping in, perhaps one person can buy the gift card, everyone else pays that person back.
  - b. The cards can be provided by individuals, families, small groups or the church could hold a "drive" for gift cards.
3. **Specific gifts for kids** - If the family we assign have children, you or your group would also provide a specific gift for the kids to their particular interests, up to a value of \$30 each. We are currently asking the families for gift suggestions for the children and will provide you with names and gifts requests as soon as we can. The gifts should be wrapped with the full name of the child clearly marked with labels and taped to the outside of the wrapped gift. We are limiting the gifts to one of six categories:
  - a. Lego
  - b. Books/Reading
  - c. Arts & Crafts
  - d. Board Games
  - e. Clothing
  - f. Surprise Me
4. **Christmas Card** - with messages from you or your group to the family who will receive this hamper. Please also include the \$100 worth of gift cards in the Christmas card envelope.
5. **Packing** - Please put it all in one big Christmas gift bag if possible. If not VUM can provide big Christmas gift bags as well.

**Info we need from you:**

- 1) Are you packing as an individual, a family or as a small group? Around how many people will be contributing to this hamper? With this info we will be able to match you up with an appropriate size family.
- 2) Contact name, email and phone number of your group.
- 3) How many Hampers are you or your group wanting to pack?
- 4) Optional – if you are you willing to drop off the Christmas hamper directly to the innercity family, please let Esther Leung-Kong know.

**Drop off option 1 – Fraser Lands Church (3330 SE Marine Drive)**

- **Date: Nov. 30 - Dec. 4th (Monday to Friday)**
- Time: 9:30am-4:30pm

**Drop off option 2 - Esther Leung Kong's home in Champlain Heights area.**

- **Deadline** for drop off at Esther's home - **December 6th, 2020.**
- Arrange with Esther directly for address and time.

**More info will be given to you later:** Specific family members with kids and their info for you to get gifts for the kids.

**Thank you once again for your generosity and kindness at this difficult Christmas time.**

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