

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO SPONSOR A FAMILY?

Family Services of the North Shore Christmas Bureau brings hope to our community by helping low-income families with children 18 years or younger, low-income seniors 65 or older, and low-income individuals. Through our **Sponsor a Family Program**, you can join with family, friends or colleagues to create a Christmas hamper for one or more North Shore families.

As a sponsor you will be matched with a family or families, seniors or singles. Tell us the number of families, individuals or singles you wish to sponsor. We will provide you with the ages and gift suggestions that will assist you with your purchases, and an information package that explains hamper assembly and delivery. It is then up to you to create the hamper.

### We ask that you follow the "One Box Rule."

To help meet this request, please leave the grocery shopping to the family by providing a gift card to their preferred grocery store, which will be noted on the information you receive.

### How much does it cost?

Sponsors provide a grocery gift card valued at \$50 for each family member. For example, a family of three would receive \$150 in grocery gift cards. A gift for each person, valued at \$30-\$40, should also be included. For a family of four, you can count on your hamper costing at least \$320. Sponsors often include festive extras, such as candles, chocolates and holiday napkins. Hampers can be a laundry hamper, large basket, gift bag or decoratively wrapped box, enclosed with cello and tied with a bow. Have fun dressing it up!

### When should the Hampers be ready?

All Hampers must be delivered on **Thursday, Dec. 13, between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.** to the Christmas Hamper Exchange at Mountainside Secondary School, 3365 Mahon Ave., North Vancouver. An undelivered hamper means a very disappointed family so please mark your calendar and remember your family.

### How does the hamper reach your family?

We are very careful with the Hampers. They are kept in a secure location, by family registration number, for pick-up the following day. Recipients have been given prior notice of the dates for pick-up. In some cases, volunteer drivers will deliver the hamper.

### Your donation is tax deductible.

Keep all your original receipts. Print the Tax Receipt Request form you received in the email package with your family information. Record your purchases and submit the form and original receipts when you deliver the hamper to the exchange.

If more than one tax receipt is required for one hamper, tax receipt request forms with separate receipts, must be submitted at the same time. (Receipts cannot be split between two donors.) Tax receipts will be mailed before Feb. 28, 2019.

### What else can you do?

If you are unable to sponsor a family at this time, but still wish to help, we gratefully accept cash donations, grocery gift cards, new toys, and gift and experience (movie, restaurants) cards. Tax receipts will be issued for all cash donations over \$20.

To become a sponsor please click here

[www.ilovefamilyservices.com/sponsor-form](http://www.ilovefamilyservices.com/sponsor-form)

or contact the Christmas Bureau at the number listed below.

*Connected in caring, with your support we are building a healthy community where everyone can live full and meaningful lives.*

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