

THE 2019 CHRISTMAS BASKET CAMPAIGN

The Tuesday Morning Food Voucher Group at Sydenham Street is asking for your help in their 2019 Christmas Basket Campaign. Last year Sydenham Street, Princess Street and Chalmers United Churches distributed 36 Christmas baskets to needy families in our community. This meant a festive Christmas dinner for over 110 individuals, 37 of who were children.

Please give generously - either grocery money, and/or grocery items as listed below. We need significant funds to buy perishable items: turkeys, potatoes, onions, carrots, oranges, apples & margarine.

Would you like to pick up food items, pack or deliver one of these baskets? If so, please sign the sheets posted at coffee hour or talk to Kirby Ruthven: 613-572-2772
ksruthven@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS BASKETS FOOD DONATION SCHEDULE

November 24th

Canned Vegetables (corn, peas), Instant Coffee, Jell-O
(Please no instant pudding as some of our families may not have milk to make pudding)

December 1st

Hot Chocolate, Tea, Juice

December 8th

Boxed Stuffing, Canned Fruit, Cookies

December 15th

Cranberry Sauce, Candy,
Commercial Bar Cake (cherry, Spanish, lemon fruit or pound.)
Please check expiry dates on all items!

Packing and Delivery day this year will be Saturday,

December 21st

CHALMERS' BENEVOLENT FUND PROGRAM

The Program continues to be incredibly active with 1,325 people in our database. Last year, there was almost a five-fold financial increase since we started in 2010, with triple the number of people assisted! The Chalmers' Benevolent Program team continues to distribute grocery cards and Martha's Table meal tickets. From time to time, individuals are also supported with one-time payments such as: Hydro to avoid a disconnect for a single mother and children; or a night in a hotel for a young girl avoiding abuse at home. Currently the team is giving out Christmas socks filled with hats, gloves, socks, \$10 Giant Tiger cards, with a few special gifts for children.

The team takes time every week, to listen to those who come in and they also try to assist them by networking individuals to appropriate resources and sharing our, *Where to Turn for Assistance* Brochure. More often than not, our volunteers find themselves helping those who fall into the gaps of 'the system'.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT! Donations to the Benevolent Fund have dropped this year, and the *Warm Feet for the Street* drive came in \$1,000 shy of its goal. Top-ups are still welcomed and needed in order to carry out this essential ministry. Please continue to help the less fortunate in our own neighbourhood. Benevolent Fund Program envelopes will be in your bulletins Dec. 8 and 15 for the ease of giving.

Benevolent Fund Volunteer Team

Mary Davis Little, Gwen Duhn, Heather Faris, Joan Hauser, Jane MacEwen,
Isabel McLeod, Joan Simeon, Jan Trites, Carol Sleeth (Admin)

BENEVOLENCE SHARED ANNUALLY WITH THOSE IN NEED			
	People Assisted	Annual Outlay	Donations received
to Nov.30, 2019	709	\$ 12,320	\$ 14,419
2018	852	\$ 15,061	\$ 14,325
2015	687	\$ 10,041	\$ 13,691
2010	291	\$ 3,370	\$ 3,367