

# Holiday Giving Guide 2018

## DONATE

### 'It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving' – Mother Teresa

The following listing offers an opportunity for our community to support local organizations through donation and/or volunteering.

#### **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guelph**

**12 Days of Giving Online Silent Auction;** Supporting Big Brothers Big Sisters December 3 – 14. Enjoy theatre tickets, hockey tickets, family activities, dinner gift certificates, jewelry, wine tastings and so much more!

Items to be picked up at the BBBS Office by Friday, December 21 at 4:30 p.m. Great gift ideas for all your family and friends and funds support over 675 local children. To view items and start bidding, check out <https://32auctions.com/bbbsg12days2018>

**Charity Euchre Tournament;** for Big Brothers Big Sisters Saturday, December 8th from 1 – 4 p.m. Being held at RLB Unit 103 at 197 Hanlon Creek Blvd. It is progressive euchre so you do not need a partner, but the more the merrier! Registration is \$25.00 per person and there will be cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place players. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

Email [Ashley.Maginnis@bigbrotherbigsisters.ca](mailto:Ashley.Maginnis@bigbrotherbigsisters.ca) to sign up!

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## Chalmers Community Service Centre

- Chalmers accepts donated Christmas Gifts Bags and provide these to the adult guests on the last pantry days before Dec 25. For many of the guests, this is the only gift they will receive.
- *Suggested items to include in a gift bag:* One pair of gloves; One pair of socks; Regular size shampoo; Toothbrush; Toothpaste and/or dental floss; Shaving cream for men/box of tampons, pads or panty liners for women; Shower gel, body wash, or soap; Antiperspirant/deodorant; Package of 5-10 Disposable Razors; Boxed candy or boxed chocolate (not homemade); Small jar of instant coffee, box of tea bags, or tin/box of hot chocolate (no coffee pods please)
- Please note that there is no need for the items to be gift wrapped. Christmas Gift Bags can be delivered in new, reusable shopping bags.
- Gift bags are due Dec 14<sup>th</sup>
- Contact Sarah for more information at: [volunteer@chalmerscentre.ca](mailto:volunteer@chalmerscentre.ca) or 519-822-8778

Deliveries can be made to Chalmers Downtown (41 Macdonell Street) on Tuesdays between 9 am and 3 pm, Wednesdays between 5 and 8 pm and Fridays between 8 am and 3 pm.

***New this year:*** Deliveries can also be made to our Chalmers West location (the portable behind Three Willows Church – 577 Willow Road) on Tuesday December 11th between 9 am and 12 pm and Wednesday December 12th between 5 pm and 7 pm. Please note that there is plenty of parking at our Chalmers West location.

### ***Chalmers Community Services Centre welcomes food donations:***

Donations of food are welcomed year round at 41 MacDonell St. by calling (519) 822-8778 to arrange a donation drop-off and ask for Sarah. The following items are items we need the most: peanut butter, canned tomato, pasta sauce, canned beans, canned soup, rice, pasta, powdered milk, canned salmon or tuna, or personal hygiene items including shampoo, soap, razors, feminine hygiene products, deodorant.

## Children's Foundation of Guelph Wellington Adopt-a-Family

This program matches families in need with community donors (individuals, families & businesses) who provide them with gifts and grocery cards for the holiday season.

Donors are matched with a family(ies) based on their spending budget and provided a list of the children's needs and wishes to shop for them. As well, donors are asked to provide a small gift for the parent/guardian and grocery gift cards for a holiday meal (\$25 per family member).

- Donors receive a tax receipt for their donation of gifts, providing they submit receipts for their purchases.
- There are other ways to help such as purchasing a special gift item, donating gift cards or by making a cash donation.
- Referrals are made through social service agencies in Guelph and Wellington County for single moms/dads, independent teens, two parent families and children being raised by grandparents.

### Donor sign-up at:

- [www.childrensfoundation.org](http://www.childrensfoundation.org)
- Call 519-829-0855 or email [aaf@childrensfoundation.org](mailto:aaf@childrensfoundation.org)

## Emma's Annual Toy Drive

Emma's Annual Toy Drive Works with businesses, organizations and individuals in the community supporting Guelph/Wellington Women in Crisis.

*This is the 2nd year for Adopt a child supporting 32 Syrian refugee children in Guelph.*

Accepting new, unwrapped toy donations and gift cards. Starting Nov 25 until December 19th with a focus on teenage gifts.

Drop off locations include- East side Mario's; Guelph Volkswagen; JL's Home Hardware; Township of Guelph/Eramosa; Shoppers Drug Mart; Winners; Robusta Cafe

A full list of drop off points and events can be found on our website [www.emmastoydrive.com](http://www.emmastoydrive.com)

For further information call Emma or Wendy at 519-824-9451 or email [EmmasToyDrive@hotmail.com](mailto:EmmasToyDrive@hotmail.com) or check out the website at [www.emmastoydrive.com](http://www.emmastoydrive.com)

## Guelph Food Bank

There are many ways to donate to the Guelph Food Bank. Run a food drive at your work place Do a fundraiser, Donate monthly from your pay, Adopt-A-Family at Christmas, Donate new leftover toys from staff or family Christmas parties, Donate Canadian Tire money Donate used inkjet cartridges and toners. Learn more at [guelphfoodbank.ca](http://guelphfoodbank.ca)

## Guelph/Wellington Women in Crisis

- Donations of diapers (large sized preferred) and baby wipes, personal hygiene products, slippers (children and women's) phone cards, grocery cards, bus tickets, gas cards and Canadian Tire, Shopper's Drug Mart and Walmart gift cards are needed.
- Donations can be accepted at the Administration Office at 38 Elizabeth Street in Guelph or at other locations in Fergus, Erin, Mt Forest and Palmerston. Please see website for hours.
- Online or cash donations are also welcome.
- For more information, visit the website at: <http://www.gwwomenincrisis.org/give-help/make-a-donation/> or 519- 836-1110.

## Habitat For Humanity

At Habitat for Humanity Wellington Dufferin Guelph, we build more than just houses. We build community – we build a world where everyone has a safe place to call home.

Since inception, our local Habitat has built more than 25 homes in our catchment community of Wellington Dufferin Guelph. But, there is a critical need for affordable housing in our community that can't be met one home at a time. We need to build more to support the growing need for affordable housing. That's why we've embarked on our most ambitious build yet – Cityview Village – a multi-residential affordable homeownership development in Guelph.

Cityview Village is more than just a housing development. It's a community for change. No matter who we are or where we come from, we all deserve to feel the strength, stability and self-reliance that owning a home provides.

With your support this holiday season, we can build a world where everyone has a safe, affordable place to call home.

Donate today to make a difference that lasts a lifetime: <https://habitatwdg.ca/donate/>

## HOPE House

We believe that each person deserves a holiday filled with HOPE. That's why, at HOPE House, we aim to not only provide Christmas Hampers to those families in needs, but also provide several other holiday programs such as a Christmas brunch, cookie exchange, photos with Santa, and an affordable Christmas market to create new holiday traditions with our community.

This approach allows community members to purchase new goods such as toys, books, clothing and jewelry for a very reasonable cost through a pay-what-you-can Christmas market. In this way HOPE House ensures a dignified exchange of goods by offering a hand up, not a hand out.

We welcome donations of new goods for the Christmas Market. Please drop off at 10 Cork St. E, Guelph from Monday - Thursday's between 8:30am and 4pm. Cash donations are also welcome. Visit [www.lakesidehopehouse.ca](http://www.lakesidehopehouse.ca) to donate today.

## Hospice Wellington – Tree of Remembrance

- Hospice offers a variety of holiday ornaments for sale.
- All proceeds from this fundraiser go to support the many programs and services at Hospice Wellington, both in the residence and in the community.
- Dates and Location: November 30 – December 21 - Stone Road Mall, Duff's Presbyterian Church and Hospice Wellington.
- Contact Phil Gourlay at 519-836-3921 x231 for more information

## **J.O.E – Jobs. Opportunities. Enterprise**

We at Jobs.Opportunities.Enterprise. (J.O.E.) are grateful for the tremendous support we have received from the community. We hope that our coffee and jokes have warmed the hearts and spirits of those who have visited us as the weather has turned nipier.

*Please consider J.O.E. as we enter the holiday season.*

We have gifts available for the coffee lover in your life. Please consider purchasing:

- Bags of our special J.O.E. blend of coffee curated for us by Planet Bean coffee. Our 3/4 pound bags are available in whole beans or auto-grind (\$15/bag)
- Large reusable cotton tote bags with our J.O.E. logo on it (\$15/bag)
- Beautiful handmade greeting cards made with care by Volunteers and J.O.E. Participants (\$5 each or 5 for \$20)
- Our Coffee lover's gift package for \$30 (includes one bag of coffee, one reusable bag, and one card)

We are happy to receive monetary gifts as well. We accept donations through our website [jobs.opportunities.enterprise.org](http://jobs.opportunities.enterprise.org) as well as by cheque or cash. Your donation will go towards keeping our programs designed for adults with developmental disabilities operational with no ongoing fees for Participants.

We appreciate donations of all kinds and hope that by giving to J.O.E. donors will feel that they are giving back to the community in a meaningful way.

## **Salvation Army**

- Financial donations will be accepted at kettles at various locations in Guelph from between Nov. 16 and Dec. 24, or can be mailed to The Salvation Army, P.O. Box 1146, Guelph ON, N1H 6N3.
- Donations of new toys are welcomed at Guelph Toyota. Gift certificates may be dropped off at the Salvation Army, 1320 Gordon Street, Guelph. Winter coats are needed throughout the season as well.
- For more information call 519-836-9360

## Trees for Tots

- Beginning December 1<sup>st</sup> you can register to have your Christmas Tree picked up by volunteers on Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- Trees will be removed for a minimum donation of \$10, and tax receipts will be given for donations over \$25. Donations will benefit the Children's Foundation of Guelph and Wellington
- For more information, visit [www.childrensfoundation.org](http://www.childrensfoundation.org) or call 519-829-0855

## United Way Guelph Wellington Dufferin

Are you looking for a gift that is more meaningful than a gift card? A gift to United Way has a resounding impact in our community for generations to come.

Your gift ensures kids, seniors and those living in poverty have access to healthy meals. It ensures kids grow up to be all that they can be. And it ensures people across Guelph, Wellington and Dufferin have a safe, warm place to sleep, learn and grow together.

- For as low as \$20, you can give a gift that will make a difference.
- Donations are tax-receiptable.
- Visit [www.unitedwayguelph.com](http://www.unitedwayguelph.com) or call 519-821-0571

## Welcome In Drop-In Centre

- Personal hygiene products are needed to support the work of the Drop-In Centre. Suggestions include shampoo, soap, razors and shaving cream, baby diapers, feminine hygiene products, socks, underwear and food items. Please visit the pantry needs on the website for up to date needs. [www.dropincentreguelph.com](http://www.dropincentreguelph.com)
- Donations can be dropped off at 23 Gordon Street during business hours (8am-3pm, 7 days/week).
- Please contact Emmanuel at 519-837-0080 or through the contact form on the website: [www.dropincentreguelph.com](http://www.dropincentreguelph.com)

## Wyndham House

- Unwrapped gifts, hygiene products (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, lip balm, razors, shaving cream, feminine hygiene products), bras & underwear, hats & mitts, winter jackets, winter boots, backpacks, headphones, sweaters shirts, art supplies, journals, bus tickets and gift cards are needed for homeless youth ages 16-21. Gently used, washed clothing is also accepted.
- Visit the website at [www.wyndhamhouse.org](http://www.wyndhamhouse.org) or contact via phone at 519-822-4400 or email [john@wyndhamhouse.org](mailto:john@wyndhamhouse.org)

**Local churches, neighbourhood groups and community organizations often have donation programs or collect goods. Consider donating to causes they support.**

# VOLUNTEER

**Share your gift of time, talent and generosity through  
volunteering as an individual, family, group!**

## Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guelph

Be a Race Marshal and cheer on runners participating in the New Year's Resolution Run with Running Room! Volunteer as an individual, family or group and support this event for local children.

- Monday, December 31st from 4:15-7:15 pm
- Email: [jennifer.tremaine@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca](mailto:jennifer.tremaine@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca), call 519-824-5154 ext. 230
- Register Online [here](#).

## Guelph Food Bank

There are numerous ways volunteers support the work of the Guelph Food Bank. From gift-wrapping, sorting, stocking and more, volunteer support helps our community.

- Volunteers needed for gift-wrapping at Stone Road Mall between December 1st – 24th. Volunteers must be 16 years of age or older.
- (Note- application forms must be completed and handed in to a GFB representative to be scheduled prior to any shift. Forms can be picked up and submitted at the Guelph Food Bank between 9 am -5 pm, or found online and emailed.)
- Volunteer opportunities are also available over the Christmas season at the Guelph Food Bank (100 Crimea St.) - Timing flexible between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm.
- Contact the office at 519-767-1380 or email [gfb@spiritwind.ca](mailto:gfb@spiritwind.ca). for more information!

## Habitat For Humanity

- Consider becoming part of the crew! The Kitchen Salvage Crew needs volunteers to help Habitat build homes, build community. For more information, contact [volunteer@wdg.ca](mailto:volunteer@wdg.ca)

## HOPE House

- In 2017, HOPE House gave out over 260 hampers. In every hamper, there is a grocery gift card, presents for children, care packages for adults and extra grocery items needed over the holiday. Volunteers are needed to deliver hampers for 2018, please contact [hampers@lakesidehopehouse.ca](mailto:hampers@lakesidehopehouse.ca) for more information.
- As part of our HOPE for the Holidays program we offer a cookie exchange. We are looking for volunteers to bake their favourite homemade Christmas cookies to donate to the event. For information and to donate, please contact Bob at [intake@lakesidehopehouse.ca](mailto:intake@lakesidehopehouse.ca)

## J.O.E – Jobs. Opportunities. Enterprise

Consider giving your time as a Volunteer. Training is ongoing and our schedule is flexible. Are you looking for leadership, job coaching, customer service, and food handling experience? All while taking in the delicious aroma of fair trade, organic coffee? Then J.O.E. might be the perfect fit for you.

- We are looking for volunteers at the Guelph Public Library and Guelph Medical Place on Dawson Road.
- Have app-building, marketing, legal, or HR skills? We also accept donations in kind.

## Pro Labore Dei

Now and throughout the year, you can provide support and a nourishing meal to underserved individuals in the community. Volunteers are needed to assist with providing home-cooked food on Saturday evenings for the least privileged. Make and bring a casserole, or any home cooked food, for 8-12 people. Contact Stella Hill, Assistant Manager, Pro Labore Dei Inc.; Phone: 519-222-2655; Email: <mailto:pldguelph@prolaboredei.org>

## Retirement and Long-Term Care

Make a senior's day! Year round and holiday volunteer opportunities are available at retirement and long-term care residences including

- **St. Joseph's Health Centre** [Click here to view opportunities!](#)
- **The Elliott Community** [Click here to view opportunities!](#)
- **Wellington Terrace** [Click here to view opportunities!](#)
- **Village of Riverside Glen** [Click here to view opportunities!](#)
- **East Wellington Community Services** [Click to view opportunities!](#)
- **Victorian Order of Nurses (VON)** [Click to view opportunities!](#)

## Salvation Army

Various opportunities to volunteer including:

- Toss a Toonie Christmas Kettle Campaign (Nov. 17- Dec. 24)
- Christmas food hamper packing (Dec. 20). Shift from 6-8pm or 8-10pm. Register at [www.guelphsa.ca](http://www.guelphsa.ca)
- Call 519-836-9360 for more information

## Snow Angels

Become a Snow Angel and shovel the snow!

- Volunteer as an individual, 14 years of age or older, as a family or a group. Volunteers are responsible for clearing snow at driveway entrances left by snow plows within 24 hours of a significant snowfall.
- Contact Emily Vincent at (519) 822-1155 or [emily@PINnetwork.ca](mailto:emily@PINnetwork.ca)

## The Elliott

*Saturday December 8th/Sunday December 9th from 12:00-4:00pm*

Volunteers will assist with the preparation and implementation of the Christmas dinner special event. You will assist with serving food, cleaning up dishes from the event and helping provide a fun and engaging atmosphere. Following the event, you will help assist staff and help with cleanup.

To volunteer, contact: Michelle Holland, Volunteer Coordinator, The Elliott Community; Phone: (519) 822-0491 ext. 2366; Fax: (519) 822-5658; Email: [mholland@elliottcommunity.org](mailto:mholland@elliottcommunity.org)

## Trees for Tots

- This is a Christmas Tree pickup service by donation in support of the Children's Foundation of Guelph & Wellington.
- Volunteers are needed:
  - Beginning December 1 through mid- January, Monday to Friday to support registration and scheduling of the 4,000 trees to be picked up. Roles include Office Assistant, Registration Volunteers and Promotion and Outreach Volunteers.
  - January 5, 2019– volunteers are needed to help with picking up Christmas trees. This opportunity is suitable for individuals, families and groups – a vehicle suitable for picking up trees is required. Positions include Administrative Volunteers, Truck Drivers, Drivers Assistant (need to be physically capable of lifting up to 50 pounds), Organization and Lead Volunteers.
- Call 519-826-9551 for more information or visit <http://www.childrensfoundation.org/ways-to-help/events/trees-for-tots>

## Wyndham House

Volunteers are needed December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> to help sell Wyndham House socks to the general public as a part of our Socks for Shelter fundraising campaign. For more information or to volunteer, visit [www.wyndhamhouse.org](http://www.wyndhamhouse.org).

## Volunteering is a rewarding experience all year around! For a complete listing of short and long term volunteer opportunities...

1. Visit our homepage at [PINnetwork.ca](http://PINnetwork.ca)
2. Click [Volunteer Opportunities](#)
3. You can search by areas of interest, by **Organization**, **What's New** and **Interests**
4. Click **"Yes, I'd like to Volunteer!"** to get in touch with the contact of the program.
5. Get in contact with us for more information or assistance. 519 822-0912 or email [info@PINnetwork.ca](mailto:info@PINnetwork.ca)

**Sign up for weekly volunteer opportunities or create a profile to receive volunteer opportunities specific to your interests. It is easy, visit [PINnetwork.ca](http://PINnetwork.ca)!**

**Maybe Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more – Dr. Seuss**



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