

Holiday GIVING

The Giving Tree 2020

Like with most other things this year, Earl Kitchener's Annual Tradition of "The Giving Tree" will be going virtual. As with prior years, we'd like to continue to support our Hamilton community, and we need your help!

If you are able, please consider donating from **Nov 27 to Dec 17** to the charities listed below (or feel free to select a charity of your choice). For donations, please consider buying local and supporting our EK community businesses who, over the years, have continued to support our EK fundraising events.

Send Your Photos by Dec 17!

Make a donation (however you choose) and send us a photo of your family or child with the donation (or a photo of just the donation, whatever is most comfortable for you/your family). On Dec 18, we will create a collage of all photos received, to share on the EK Home and School Association Facebook Page and send via the EK email distribution list, for all to see, how during a difficult time, EK's amazing community comes together to help those in need.

Holiday Giving Tree at Earl Kitchener School

For every photo received, an ornament with the EK Family or Student's name will be placed on "The Giving Tree" at Earl Kitchener (this year's tree will be displayed on a bulletin board at Earl Kitchener for students to see).

Please send photos to: ekhomeandschool@gmail.com by **Dec 17**, and provide the Student or Family name that you'd like printed on the ornament.

Possible Donations Include:

Wesley: Holiday Hampers

"The Giving Tree" in the past has been a collection of knitted goods, new, unwrapped toys, gifts, non-perishable food items for the Wesley's Christmas & Holiday Store, which provided participants with the opportunity to shop for free for food and gifts. Due to COVID-19, Wesley's Christmas & Holiday Program will not operate like a store this year, instead, holiday hampers will be provided for people who participate in Wesley programs and through some of their community partners. This includes families, seniors, and the homeless.

Ways to help include, online donations, amazon gift cards, purchase of digital gifts for a young person, and curbside donation (1974 King St. E. – see website for drop off times) of the following requested items: plastic or re-usable bags, non-perishable food in individual or family sizes, new gifts, toys, hygiene items, small kitchen appliances, towel & linens, gift certificates for Walmart, Giant Tiger, Canadian Tire, Toys'R'Us, new or gently used hats, mitts, socks, winter boots, and coats (no clothing). Visit <https://wesley.ca/holiday-assistance-program/> for more information.

CityKidz Hamilton: The Gift of Christmas

The Gift of Christmas is more than presents under the tree, it's a chance to tell the most vulnerable children in our community that they are loved, that they matter, and that someone is thinking of them. CityKidz accepts new, unwrapped toys for children ages 0 to 12 (there is great need for ages 10 to 12). The Toy Drive runs until Dec 22 at noon. All donations can be dropped at the CityKidz Toy Store at 601 Burlington St. E. Unit A, Hamilton, L8L 4J5. Visit <https://citykidz.ca/the-gift-of-christmas/> for more information.

OR please feel free to donate to any other charity of your choice.

We look forward to seeing your photos! Thank you for supporting our Hamilton Community this Holiday Season.

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