



Donations



Many agencies and community organizations keep yearly or seasonal wish lists of products and items that will help their clients in their daily lives or help the agency run more smoothly. Donations of new and used items such as toys, toiletries and other products can really brighten the day of women, children and families who have limited budgets or who will be spending their holiday season in a shelter or away from home. Many drives, such as toy and clothing drives, happen during the holiday season to support charities and non-profit organizations. The following are some ideas for donating items during the holiday season.



Agency Wish Lists



- **ROOF (Reaching our Outdoor Friends)**, a shelter for youth, maintains a wish list of items that they can use for the homeless youth that use their services and participate in their programs. Wishlist: http://www.roof-agency.net/index.php?page=Wish_List&&page_id=0&&id=60



- **Mary's Place**, an emergency shelter for women and families operated by the YWCA, also keeps a general wish list in support of the women, children and teens using their programs. Wishlist : <http://www.ywcakw.on.ca/emergency-shelter>



- **Monica Place for Pregnant and Parenting Youth**, a community that provides supportive housing, counseling and on-site education pregnant teens and their children, has a holiday needs list to help support everyday need and gifts for the women at their centre. Wish list: http://monicaplace.ca/?page_id=106 (Donations for the holidays should be dropped off before December 13th if possible)





- **Women's Crisis Services of Waterloo Region's** holiday wish list supports women and children using their shelters or participating in their Outreach programs. They are looking for items such as towels, journals, snowsuits, books and kitchen items.

Wish List: <http://www.wcswr.org/support-us/wish-list/>



- **Argus Residence for Young People** is always looking for things like towels, alarm clocks and school supplies in support of their programs for homeless youth.

Wish List:

<http://www.argusresidence.com/index.php/howtohelp/make-a-donation>



- **Lutherwood's Safe Haven Shelter** is always in need of donations of comforters, personal hygiene items, knitted items and teddy bears in support of their mental health shelter and youth shelter, as well as items like gift cards.

Wishlist: <http://www.lutherwood.ca/foundation/about/ways-give#care>



- **The Brain Injury Association of Waterloo-Wellington** is always in need of various items in support of their programs and for holiday gift bags for their program participants.

Wishlist: <http://www.biaww.com/wish-list.html>



- **Marillac Place** is always looking for donations in support of the services they provide to women who are pregnant or caring for children. Needed items include things like diapers, baby wipes, toys and baby clothes.

Wishlist: <http://www.marillacplace.ca/wishlist.php>





- **The Cambridge Shelter** requires various items on an ongoing basis to support their various shelters for men and women in Cambridge.

Wishlist: <http://www.cambridgesheltercorp.ca/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/Itemsrequired6.pdf>



- **Family and Children's Services of the Waterloo Region** has priority needs for items such as bedding, diapers, bus tickets and food vouchers.

Wishlist: <http://www.facswaterloo.org/html/FoundationWishList.html>



- **The Kitchener Waterloo Humane Society** needs donations of bowls, collars, leashes and giftcards to take care of your future pets!

Wishlist: <https://www.kwhumane.com/>



- **Community Support Connections** is in need of items such as digital cameras, office supplies and a microwave to help support the seniors and adults with disabilities that they serve.

Wishlist: http://communitysupportconnections.org/content/donate#filter_mini_tabs_tabset_0



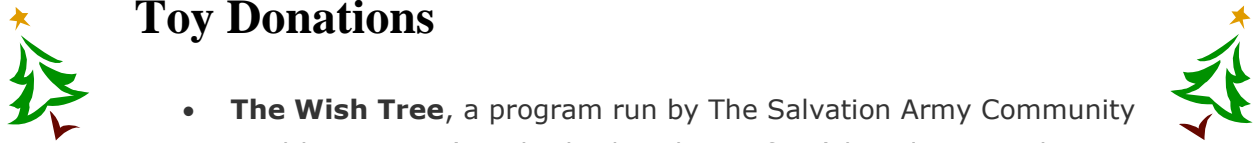
- **The Cambridge Self Help Food Bank** is in need of items such as winter coats, gift cards, shampoo and toothbrushes in support of their clients.

Wishlist: <http://www.cambridgefoodbank.on.ca/wishlist-2/>





Toy Donations



- **The Wish Tree**, a program run by The Salvation Army Community Health Services (Cambridge/North Dumfries) lets donors pick a tag from a tree and buy clothing, toys or other items based on the age of the child on the tag. Toys and clothes are then returned to the drop off along with the tag.

44 Main St, Cambridge, ON N1R 1V4

Phone (519) 623-1221 (admin)

<http://www.salvationarmy.ca/>



- **The Salvation Army Community and Family Services** accepts donations of toys towards their toy giving programs (Kitchener-Waterloo)

300 Gage Ave, Unit 1, Kitchener N2M 2C8

Phone: 519 745-4215

<http://www.salvationarmy.ca/>



- **The Tree of Angels** – visit the Tree of Angels to pick an angel card for a specific child. Buy toys or other gifts and then return them to the Tree of Angels along with the card.

Visit the Tree in the Conestoga Mall during mall hours:

550 King St N, Waterloo

Phone: 519 886-5500 (mall office) Office Hours: 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Salvation Army Website: <http://www.salvationarmy.ca/>

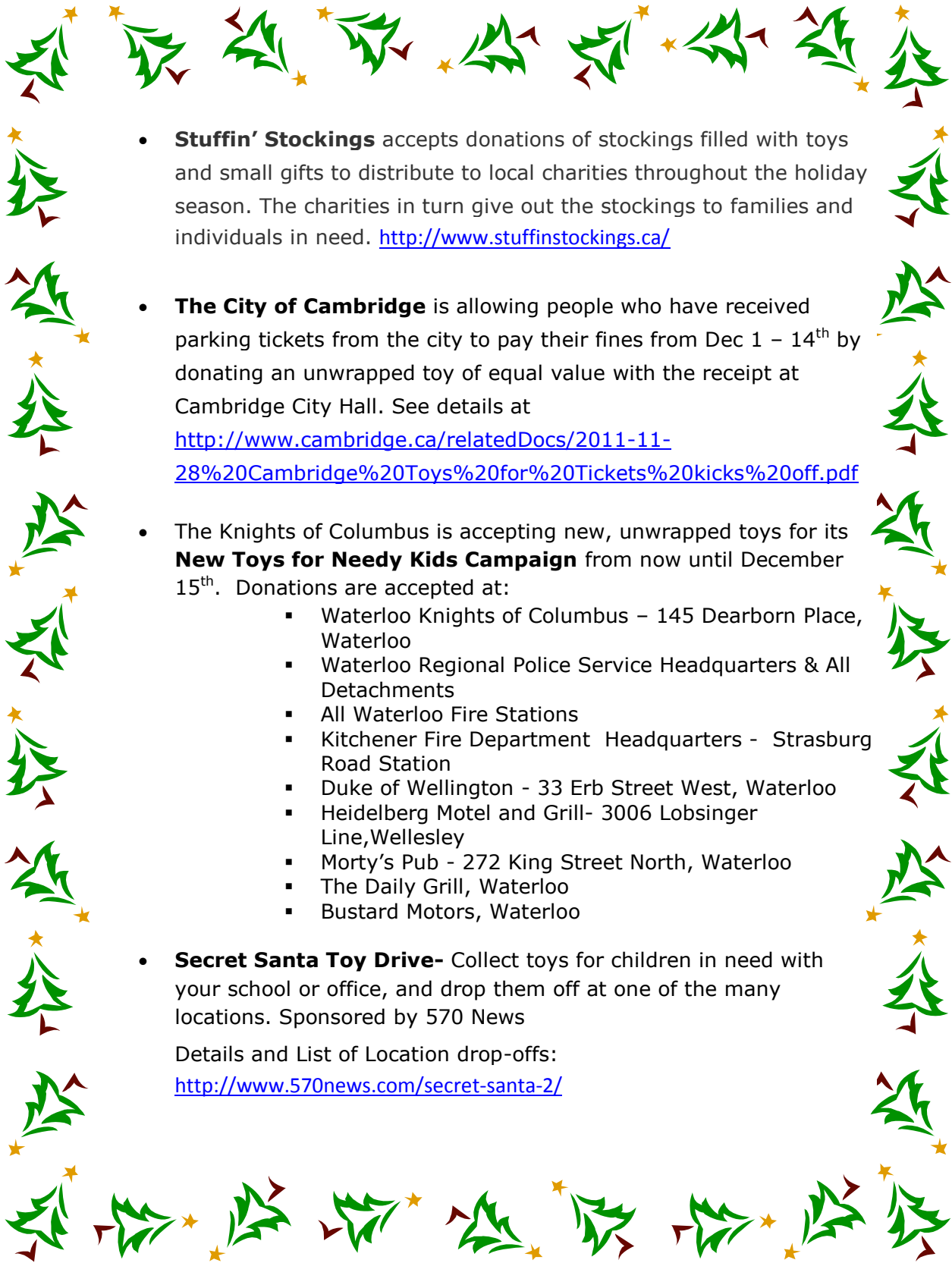


- **Family and Children's Service of Waterloo Region** is holding its annual Tree of Hope Campaign. You can donate to the campaign or Adopt-a-Family for the holidays. For more information, please visit the Family and Children's Services website

<http://www.facswaterloo.org/html/TreeofHopeAdoptAFamily.html> or

call 519-748-8733





- **Stuffin' Stockings** accepts donations of stockings filled with toys and small gifts to distribute to local charities throughout the holiday season. The charities in turn give out the stockings to families and individuals in need. <http://www.stuffinstockings.ca/>
- **The City of Cambridge** is allowing people who have received parking tickets from the city to pay their fines from Dec 1 – 14th by donating an unwrapped toy of equal value with the receipt at Cambridge City Hall. See details at <http://www.cambridge.ca/relatedDocs/2011-11-28%20Cambridge%20Toys%20for%20Tickets%20kicks%20off.pdf>
- The Knights of Columbus is accepting new, unwrapped toys for its **New Toys for Needy Kids Campaign** from now until December 15th. Donations are accepted at:
 - Waterloo Knights of Columbus – 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo
 - Waterloo Regional Police Service Headquarters & All Detachments
 - All Waterloo Fire Stations
 - Kitchener Fire Department Headquarters - Strasburg Road Station
 - Duke of Wellington - 33 Erb Street West, Waterloo
 - Heidelberg Motel and Grill- 3006 Lobsinger Line, Wellesley
 - Morty's Pub - 272 King Street North, Waterloo
 - The Daily Grill, Waterloo
 - Bustard Motors, Waterloo
- **Secret Santa Toy Drive-** Collect toys for children in need with your school or office, and drop them off at one of the many locations. Sponsored by 570 News
Details and List of Location drop-offs:
<http://www.570news.com/secret-santa-2/>



- **The Region of Waterloo Paramedics** are collecting new, unwrapped gifts for seniors in nursing homes who do not have family or have little contact with family members. Donations including pajamas, slippers, sweater, and other items for seniors or cash donations can be dropped off Monday to Friday 9am-4pm until December 18th at EMS Headquarters at 120 Maple Grove Rd. in Cambridge.

- Waterloo Regional Police, **Stuff a Cruiser Campaign** in support of the Knights of Columbus "Needy Toys for Needy Kids" toy drive. Donations of new, unwrapped toys will be accepted:

Saturday Dec 7th and Sunday December 8th, 11am-6pm

- Walmart- Cambridge SuperCentre-22 Pinebush Road, Cambridge
- Walmart-St Jacobs – 334 Farmers Market Road, Waterloo
- Walmart- The Boardwalk, 100 The Boardwalk (at University Ave W), Waterloo

Saturday Dec 14th , and Sunday December 15^h, 11am-6pm

- Canadian Tire, 65 Pinebush Road, Cambridge
- Walmart-Sunrise Shopping Centre, 1400 Ottawa Street South, Kitchener

Winter Clothing and Book Donations

- The **Salvation Army Community Services** is still accepting donations of new or lightly used winter clothing for all ages up until the morning of December 24th at their offices at 300 Gage Ave in Kitchener.

Contact: rick_sheasby@can.salvationarmy.org or 519 745-4215





- **The City of Cambridge and Babcock and Wilcox Canada** are running a winter clothing drive for winter clothing: looking for new or gently used winter coats, boots, and accessories like hats and mittens. These can be dropped off from December 2-20 at:
 - Cambridge City Hall, 50 Dickson St
 - David Durward Centre 62 Dickson St
 - Allan Reuter Centre 507 King St E
 - WG Johnson Centre 31 Kribs St
 - William E Pautler Centre 1145 Concession Road
 - Public Works Facility, 1310 Bishop St



- **The Waterloo Regional Record** is collecting new, unwrapped books to give to children from birth to age 18, in partnership with Project READ Literacy Network and Salvation Army. Books can be dropped off from Nov. 15th -Dec. 15th. For a full list of drop-off locations, please see:
<http://www.therecord.com/community-static/2877753-therecord-charities>

Food Donations

- **Stuff a Bus for the Food Bank** with food and funds for the Food Bank of Waterloo Region and Cambridge Self Help Food Bank

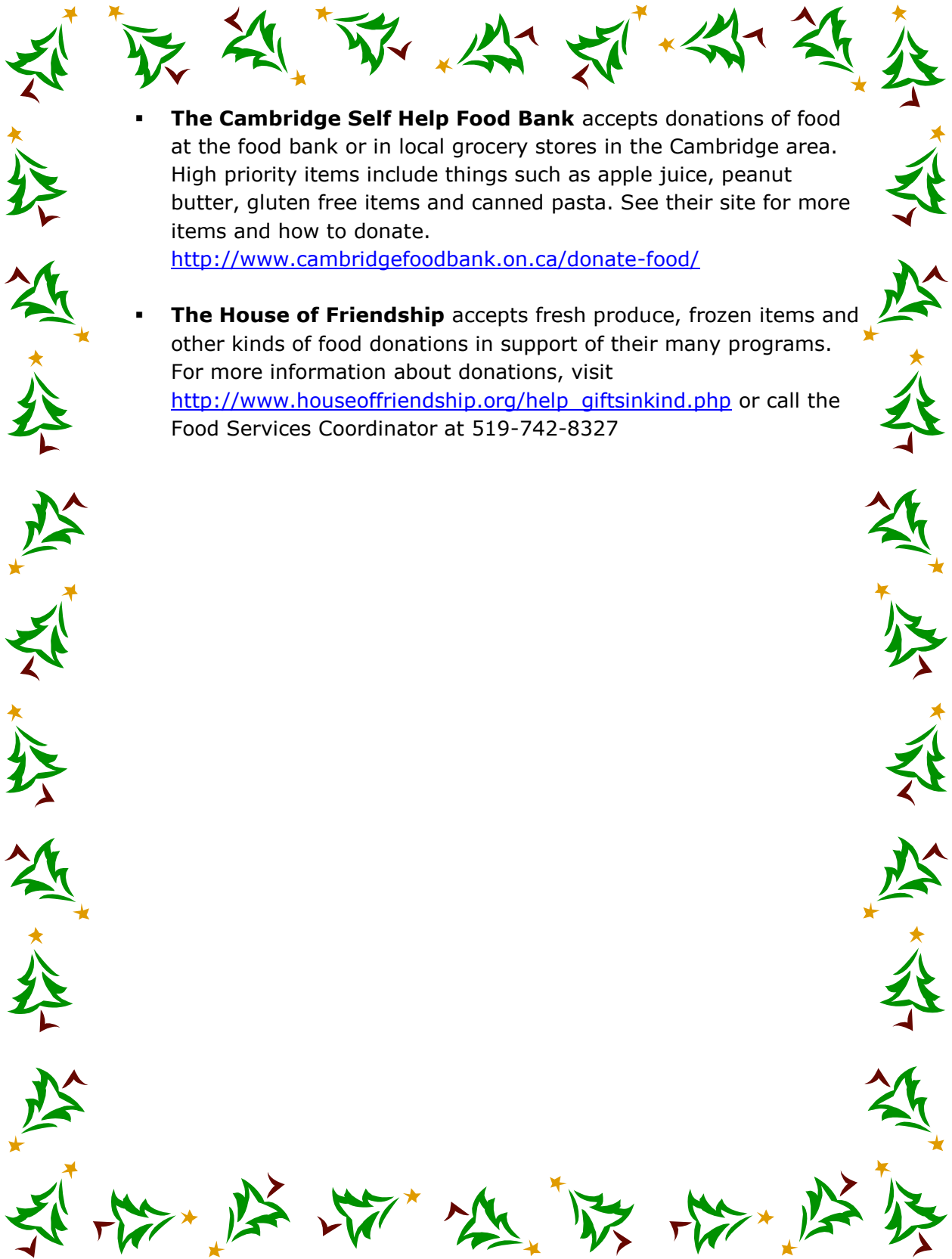
Dates: Friday December 13th to Sunday December 15th

Locations:

Kitchener- Zehrs, Laurentian Power Centre, 750 Ottawa Street
Cambridge-Zehrs, 400 Conestoga Blvd

<http://www.therecord.com/events/4180237--stuff-a-bus-for-the-food-bank-in-k/>





- **The Cambridge Self Help Food Bank** accepts donations of food at the food bank or in local grocery stores in the Cambridge area. High priority items include things such as apple juice, peanut butter, gluten free items and canned pasta. See their site for more items and how to donate.

<http://www.cambridgefoodbank.on.ca/donate-food/>

- **The House of Friendship** accepts fresh produce, frozen items and other kinds of food donations in support of their many programs. For more information about donations, visit http://www.houseoffriendship.org/help_giftsinkind.php or call the Food Services Coordinator at 519-742-8327

Happy HoTidays from:



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