

YYC Christmas Resources 2023

AGENCY REFERRAL

Kinette Club of Calgary- Adopt a Family Program –

Email: info@kincalgary.com

Social Worker/Agency refer Families they are actively participating in programming with. Families must meet the Low Income Cut Off (pre-tax) criteria.

Restrictions:

- Single adult applicants or families with adults only are not eligible
- Client cannot be receiving a hamper from any other source
- Client may only receive a hamper from this program once every 3 years. (Eligible again on the fourth year)

[Adopt-A-Family \(kincalgary.com\)](http://kincalgary.com)

Made By Momma Christmas Programs –

Referrals open from October until one week before Christmas (exceptions can be made).

Christmas Programs support vulnerable families living in Calgary and surrounding communities.

- Adopt-a-Momma (matches families in-need with generous sponsors)
- Santa's Workshop
- Holiday Food Hamper

Eligibility – Families with at least one child aged 1+ living in the home.

Application Process – A Social Worker referral is required from an agency where the applicant is actively involved with agency programming.

Website & Email:

Requests for support must come through the “**Contact Us**” form on the website:

<https://madebymomma.org/contact-us-2>

Northeast Calgary Adopt a Family Society –

(403)590-6656

Email: necaafs@shaw.ca

Referrals open October 2023

I want to be adopted, what do I need to do?

Families are referred by the Community Resource Centers. Please contact the Resource Center in your community and arrange for an interview.

[North East Calgary Adopt a Family Society \(necaafs.com\)](http://necaafs.com)

Northern Hills Community Association- Gift of Joy Program –

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For those who are in need, please contact one of the following resource centers:

For Families:

Rise Calgary

email: info@risealgary.ca

(403)204 8280

Closer to Home

(403)543-0550

For Seniors:

MPC Foundation

Contact person: June Lee **(587)480-7373**

Seniors Secret Service- Christmas Cheer Program –

403-257-8339

coordinator@seniorssecretservice.com

[Christmas Cheer | Seniors Secret Service](#)

The Magic of Christmas –

(403)803-1619

Referrals Open October 1 – December 15

Organizations can refer families for visits on Christmas Eve - must be referred by a qualified agency, health professional or support group (Social Workers, Teachers, Doctors, Police Officers & Nurses, etc.).

To complete a referral, please contact the referrals team or call the office to request a referral. Families can access it once every three years.

[The Magic of Christmas - Loving, Caring, and Sharing](#)

SELF REFERRAL

Calgary Children's Cottage – Calgary West Family Resource Network

(403)830-3153

They will connect participating families with toys, need to go through intake process.

Calgary Food Bank –

(403)253-2055

Identification for all household members required.

Hampers include regular food items – no holiday extras provided info@calgaryfoodbank.com

Satellite Locations: [Need Food? We are here to help. - Calgary Food Bank](#)

Centre Street Church –

(403)520-1227

Registration open October – November 2023

Clients can self-refer at this link: [Centre Street Church | Christian Evangelical Church \(cchurch.ca\)](#)

Closer To Home- Adopt a Family Program –

(403)543-0555

Call and speak directly with the Intake and Assessment Worker.

Provides gift cards to over four hundred vulnerable families in Calgary, to purchase food, necessities, and gifts during the holiday season. Donors are matched with a specific family and donations are used to provide gift cards rather than physical gifts. This way adopted families can decide their needs during this season.

[Adopt a Family – FAQ \(Frequently Asked Questions\) for Families | Closer to Home](#)

Sacred Heart- Christmas Hamper Program –

(403)244-2741, ext. 221

Referrals open

[Christmas Hamper Program – Sacred Heart Church \(sacredheartcalgary.ca\)](#)

Salvation Army-Christmas Toy Program for Children – (0-12 years old)

(403)220 0432

Registration begins October 2023

Families with children ages 0-12 can apply to receive Christmas toys for their children. To be eligible, families must reside within certain communities and be identified as low-income. This program is only for families who are not receiving toys from any other program or organization.

Please note that there is no online registration this year.

[Home - The Salvation Army Community Services Calgary \(salvationarmycalgary.org\)](#)

Society of St. Vincent de Paul –

(403)250-0319

Contact Society of St. Vincent de Paul or your local Catholic Church for more information (multiple locations available across the city).

[Contact – Society of St. Vincent de Paul Calgary \(ssvpcalgary.ca\)](http://ssvpcalgary.ca)

The Mustard Seed Hub – *Agency & Self-Referral*

(403)269-1319

Christmas Hamper giveaway in Marlborough Park and Manchester Neighbour Centers.

Screening is completed to determine eligibility to access Christmas food hamper. Proof of low income required (i.e., low-income transit pass).

Clients can access a Christmas Hamper by contacting an Advocate directly at **(587)393-4020** or by email wellness@theseed.ca

For clients who would like to self-refer, they can email hubs@theseed.ca or visit the Hub locations:

Marlborough Park: 6060 Memorial Drive NE

Manchester: 5757 2nd Street SW

[Marlborough Park Neighbour Centre | Mustard Seed \(theseed.ca\)](http://theseed.ca)

Women In Need – *Agency & Self-Referrals to community programs*

(403)255-5102

Grocery card support when available. Community Resource Hubs by WINS are in Beltline, Dover, Erin Woods & Temple. They are appointment only, to book call **(825)540-4717** or email hubs@winsyyc.ca

YYC HELPING FAMILIES – KIDS KORNER

Kids Korner is a Christmas gift shop for kids, where kids can shop for anyone special in their lives.

Children aged 2 – 15 can come in and walk around the shop to select gifts ranging from \$1 - \$10. All purchases made will be gift wrapped with a name tag.

Hours of Operation:

Every Saturday and Sunday in November

December, by appointment only

**Appointments start November 25

Contact email: YYCHF@outlook.com

Facebook group: YYC Helping Families