



Simcoe Muskoka
Family Connexions



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de Simcoe Muskoka



HOLIDAY SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM



Help make holiday
wishes come true



WINTER 2022



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HOLIDAY SPONSORSHIP



PROGRAM 2022



Putting the heart in the holidays

As your local children's aid society and child & youth mental health provider, Simcoe Muskoka Family Connexions (SMFC) provides needed services to vulnerable children, youth, and families in our community, many of whom struggle to meet their basic needs. Your support this holiday season will provide them with hope and knowledge that someone cares. Through our sponsorship program, generous donors and partnerships with local businesses and organizations, we are able to help close to 3,000 children, youth and families across Simcoe and Muskoka.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What is the the Holiday Sponsorship Program?

The program is intended to assist families that are in a service relationship with our agency who are currently struggling financially and unable to afford a holiday celebration. They include kin care providers, mental health clients, family service users and youth in independent living. It is an inclusive program for individuals of any race, creed, or religious affiliation. It is intended to support a winter celebration of their choosing.

How can I help?

Just as there is diversity in those we help, we know donors have a variety of reasons, ways, and means to support those in need. You can chose to sponsor and shop for children, youth, and/or families to create a hamper; buy items in bulk that can be used to assist families, or provide a financial donation to be used to purchase needed items.

What's in a hamper?

Hampers include children's toys, winter items, stocking stuffers, small adult gifts, youth items, grocery and other gift cards. See "how to shop" and "Age Wish lists" in this guide. If you sign up for sponsorship, a personalized wish list will also be provided.

How are clients nominated?

Eligibility is based on need and applications submitted by SMFC staff. Because staff know families and youth the best, we rely on our social workers to decide who would benefit from being sponsored. We know that 89% of families we work with struggle to meet their basic needs, but due to financial limitations, we ask those with the greatest need be nominated. Kin families and independent youth are prioritized for sponsorships.

HOW TO SPONSOR

STEP 1: DECIDE HOW YOU WANT TO HELP

You can choose to shop for specific numbers, ages and genders of children and/or sizes of families or independent youth; buy or collect specific bulk items to donate, or make a financial donation. Plan your sponsorship based on your budget and how you, your family, co-workers, or group want to help.

STEP 2: SIGN UP ONLINE

Visit our website and fill out our donor application:
<https://hipaa.jotform.com/222754822320248>

STEP 3: SHOP & FULFILL YOUR SPONSORSHIP

See the proceeding pages in this booklet for shopping tips, what to include in your sponsorship, and age appropriate wish lists to help you shop.

STEP 4: DONATIONS DROPPED OFF

Bulk donations can be dropped off at designated offices across Simcoe and Muskoka until December 19th. However, sponsorship hampers will have a deadline to be dropped off to one of our branches between November 28th-December 6th - an appointment for drop off is required.

STEP 5: THANK YOU'S & TAX RECEIPTS

In early 2023, you will receive a thank you letter. To receive a charitable donation receipt, please see Page 19 of this guidebook to find the link or fill out the form. Submit online or drop off the printed form with your donation in a separate envelope. Please keep a copy for your records. Receipts will be sent by email, unless otherwise requested.



NEED HELP OR HAVE QUESTIONS?

Contact us at holiday@familyconnexions.ca or call our holiday hotline at 705-220-1074



SHOP FOR A CHILD IN NEED

Show them someone cares!

**Average cost for full sponsorship is
approximately \$150 per child**

SUGGESTED ITEMS TO INCLUDE PER CHILD:

1. Small laundry hamper or orangizer tote/basket
2. Two quality, age-appropriate toys
3. Winter hat, mitts/gloves, or other warm item(s)
4. "Stocking stuffers" - e.g. books, socks, toiletries, activity books, small crafts, stuffed animal, chocolate/treats
5. Holiday wrapping paper/gift bag
6. \$25 grocery gift card to support the purchase of a holiday meal
7. \$25 gift card to an appropriate clothing store, or equivalent in clothing items

IMPORTANT NOTES:

NEW ITEMS ONLY - NO USED ITEMS ACCEPTED

DO NOT WRAP THE ITEMS

LABEL THE CONTAINER OR BAG WITH AGE AND FIRST INITIAL

PLACE GIFT CARDS IN AN ENVELOPE

NO RELIGIOUS ITEMS OR WAR TOYS PLEASE



SHOP FOR A PARENT IN NEED

Give them a helping hand!

**Average cost for parent sponsorship is
approximately \$100 per parent**

SUGGESTED ITEMS TO INCLUDE:

1. Small bag or basket
2. Family board game, holiday picture book, or craft
3. Parent gift (e.g. blanket, mug) or \$20 gift card for a personalized gift
4. Winter hat, mitts/gloves, or other warm item(s)
5. \$25-\$50 grocery gift card to support the purchase of a holiday meal

PLEASE NOTE:

NEW ITEMS ONLY - NO USED ITEMS ACCEPTED

ITEMS FOR ADULTS MAY BE WRAPPED

LABEL THE CONTAINER OR BAG WITH FIRST INITIAL OF THE PARENT

PLACE GIFT CARDS IN AN ENVELOPE

PLEASE NO RELIGIOUS ITEMS (E.G. BIBLE)

EXAMPLE SPONSORSHIP



FAMILY OF 3

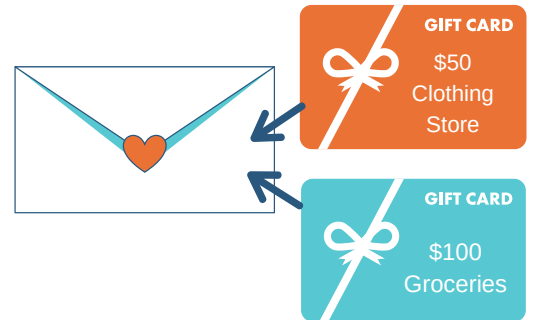


Giving the gift of being remembered

Boy, 8

Girl, 6

Mom



FAMILY OF 3 SHOPPING LIST EXAMPLE



PARENT

Basket
Family board game
Tea mug
Winter gloves
Wrapping supplies
Bath products
\$100 grocery gift card



BOY 8 YEARS

2 quality toys
Hat & mitts
Stocking stuffers
Craft
\$25 clothing gift card
Tote



GIRL 6 YEARS

2 quality toys
Hat & mitts
Stocking stuffers
Craft
\$25 clothing gift card
Tote



FIRST INITIAL OF CHILDS NAME: _____

Sponsorship Label

AGE



☐ 3-6 months

☐ 6-12 months

☐ 1 year

☐ 2 years

☐ 3 year

☐ 4 years

☐ 5 years

☐ 6 years

☐ 7 years

☐ 8 years

☐ 9 years

☐ 10 years

☐ 11 years

☐ 12 years

☐ 13 years

☐ 14 years

☐ 15 years

☐ 16 years

☐ 17 years



FIRST INITIAL OF CHILDS NAME: _____

Sponsorship Label

AGE



☐ 3-6 months

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☐ 6 years

☐ 7 years

☐ 8 years

☐ 9 years

☐ 10 years

☐ 11 years

☐ 12 years

☐ 13 years

☐ 14 years

☐ 15 years

☐ 16 years

☐ 17 years

Sponsorship Label



PARENT/ GUARDIAN

First initial of Parent/Guardian's
name

Sponsorship Label



PARENT/ GUARDIAN

First initial of Parent/Guardian's
name

Sponsorship Label



SINGLE PARENT/ GUARDIAN

First initial of Parent/Guardian's
name

Sponsorship Label



SINGLE PARENT/ GUARDIAN

First initial of Parent/Guardian's
name



SHOP FOR A YOUTH IN NEED

Let them know they matter!

**Average cost for full sponsorship is
approximately \$200 per youth**

SUGGESTED ITEMS TO INCLUDE:

1. Small laundry hamper or organizer tote/basket
2. Two small gift items (e.g. toiletries, kitchen items, reusable masks, traveling mug, fuzzy blankets)
3. \$50 gift card (suggested stores: Shoppers Drug Mart, Amazon, fast food, Visa Pre-Paid)
4. Winter hat, mitts/gloves, or other warm item(s)
5. \$50 grocery gift card

PLEASE NOTE:

NEW ITEMS ONLY - NO USED ITEMS ACCEPTED

ITEMS ARE NOT TO BE WRAPPED

**LABEL THE CONTAINER OR BAG WITH YOUTH'S FIRST INITIAL AND
"YOUTH"**

PLACE GIFT CARDS IN AN ENVELOPE

PLEASE NO RELIGIOUS ITEMS (E.G. BIBLE)



FEMALE YOUTH 18 YRS

2 small gift items
(e.g. toiletries, kitchen
items, movie passes)
\$50 gift card
(suggested stores:
Shoppers, Sephora,
Muskoka Bear Wear,
Sportchek, Fast Food)
Winter item/s
Stocking stuffers
\$50 Grocery gift card
Laundry Hamper or
Storage Bin



MALE YOUTH 19 YRS

2 small gift items
(e.g. toiletries, kitchen
items, movie passes)
\$50 gift card
(suggested stores:
Shoppers, Marks WW,
EB Games, Sportchek,
Fast Food)
Winter item/s
Stocking stuffers
\$50 Grocery gift card
Laundry Hamper or
Storage Bin

2 YOUTH SHOPPING LISTS EXAMPLE

Sponsorship Label



YOUTH

First initial of Youth's name

Sponsorship Label



YOUTH

First initial of Youth's name

Sponsorship Label



YOUTH

First initial of Youth's name

Sponsorship Label



YOUTH

First initial of Youth's name



BULK ITEMS - SHOP & COLLECT

Help us assist more families!

Choose your budget and purchase bulk items of your choosing to help provide for children, youth, and families.

Add some fun!

Host a collection with friends, neighbors, co-workers, or other groups to help with donations.

ITEMS MOST REQUESTED:

Hygiene items (especially "kits" including a variety of items)

Make-up and make-up brush kits

Gift cards (Walmart, grocery stores, gas, cellular, etc.)

Tech gadgets (Bluetooth speakers, headphones, tablets, etc.)

Baby items (diapers, wipes, toys, clothing, accessories, etc.)

Hockey sticks (right-handed and left-handed)

Colouring books (for both adults & children)

Art supplies (beginner & professional)

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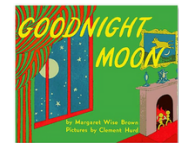
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PLEASE NO RELIGIOUS ITEMS (E.G. BIBLE)

Infant & Toddler ✓ Gift Ideas

Age 0-1:

- Development toys
 - E.g. Infant links, activity centres, dimpl
- Quality rattles (especially for wrists)
- Soothers & teething toys
- Soft stuffies (no beaded eyes)
- Play mat
- Sound machines, Ocean Wonders Aquarium
- Small board books
 - e.g. Goodnight Moon or Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?



Age 1-2:

- Development play toys (stacking cups, shape sorters)
- Stimulation toys (laugh & learn phone, musical all-plastic toys, sound machine, light-up all-plastic toys)
- Floor mats (foam puzzle, carpet)
- Bath toys



Early Years & Primary ✓ Gift Ideas

Age 3-5:



- Dolls, Barbies, action figures, & stuffies
- Pretend playsets (e.g. kitchen, tools, tea cups)
- Ride-on toys/tricycle
- Puzzles, board games (e.g. Hungry-Hungry Hippo, Candy Land)
- Arts & crafts, dress-up
- Duplo & Wooden Blocks
- Developmental toys (electronic, musical)



POPULAR BRANDS:

Paw Patrol, Thomas & Friends, & Peppa Pig



Age 6-8:



- Remote control cars & Hot Wheels
- Science kits, crafts, Lego, Magna Tiles, K'nex, magnet sets, slime
- LOL Surprise
- Nail art
- Sports & outdoor equipment
- Board games (Connect 4, snakes & ladders, Jenga)



POPULAR BRANDS:

Animal Planet, LOL Surprise, VIP Pets, DC & Marvel



Pre- & Early Teen ✓ Gift Ideas

Age 9-11:

- Science kits, crafts, Lego, robots
- Sports & outdoor equipment
- Musical instrument, karaoke
- Board games (Battleship, Twister, etc.)
- General toys (superhero or film characters)
- Puzzles



Age 12-14:

- Advanced science kits, crafts
- Building/assemble kits & Lego
- Sports & outdoor equipment, skateboard
- Board games (e.g. Scrabble, Taboo, Risk, Mastermind)
- Fashion bags, bath bombs
- Books, small electronics
- Cozy blanket/socks, squishy stuffies

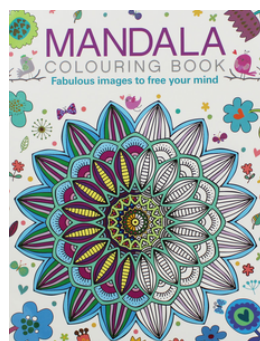


Teens & Young Adult ✓ Gift Ideas

Age 15-21:



- Sports & outdoor equipment
- Board games (e.g. Apples to Apples, Telestrations, Cranium, SkipBo, Catan)
- Art kits (scrapbooking, painting kits, sketch pads, learn to sew, colouring books, or knit kits)
- Electronics and accessories (headphones, portable speakers)
- Activity books (word search, sudoku, mind puzzles)
- Coffee mugs, travel mugs, water bottles
- Fuzzy blankets/throws





TAX RECEIPT REQUEST

SALES RECEIPTS MUST BE PROVIDED

Fill out and print this form or follow this link to fill out our NEW online form here:

<https://form.jotform.com/smfconnexions/SMFC-tax-receipt-request>

Tax Receipts are issued for donations of newly purchased items with current dated sales receipts. The total donation amount is dollars spent **BEFORE TAX.**

The name, address and phone number of the person(s) listed below will be issued the tax receipt. If you have more than one contributor, a list of individuals with their mailing address, email and the contribution amount per person must be included with original receipts of the items purchased.

Total Amount Spent Before Tax: \$

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Title: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. (Circle One)

Sponsorship Type: Personal Group Business (Circle One)

First name Last name

Phone Cell/Home () -

Organization/Company:
(if Tax Receipt should include this)

Mailing Address:

Street Address

City Postal Code

Email

I declare all of the items purchased and submitted on receipts were donated to Simcoe Muskoka Family Connexions Holiday Program as 'Goods in Kind'. I understand that I may be asked to provide further information.

SIGNED

DATE



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