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County Fire Halls Accepting Donations for Christmas Hamper Program

Various fire stations throughout the County will be open on select days starting Monday, December 2nd for residents to drop off donation items for the annual Christmas Hamper Program.

County firefighters will deliver donated items to the Sexsmith and Area Hamper Program which then coordinates and provides hampers to last over the duration of the holiday season to individuals and families in the Bezanson, Clairmont, LaGlace, Sexsmith, and Teepee Creek who are less fortunate.

Dates for donation collection at County fire halls are as follows:

- Bezanson Fire Hall, December 2nd and 9th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- La Glace Fire Hall, December 3rd from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Teepee Creek Fire Hall, December 5th and 12th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The County of Grande Prairie Firefighters Foundation will also be accepting Christmas Hamper donations at the Clairmont Christmas Show & Sale at the Clairmont Community Hall on December 6th from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. and December 7th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If no one is at the fire hall, donations can be left at the door. Emergencies are unpredictable and dictate whether the firefighters are there or not. Those who aren't able to drop off donations to the fire halls or the Clairmont Christmas Show & Sale can take them to the Wellington Resource Centre located at 10407-97 Street in Clairmont.

The following is a list of items accepted and needed for hampers:

Healthy non-perishable food items - canned fruits, vegetables, sauces, and meats, jam, peanut butter, powdered milk, soup, rice, pasta, condiments, cereal, children's lunch items, pudding, granola bars, crackers, juice, coffee and tea

Personal hygiene products - Kleenex, toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, and toothpaste

Gifts - Please contact the hamper program coordinators for gift ideas and suggestions





Gift Cards to local stores – Grocery, gas, movie theatre and clothing store gifts cards are very useful

Cash - the hamper program coordinators go out and purchase fresh food items the day before hamper distribution and other items needed to round out the hampers

Your time – Volunteers are always welcome to help sort, pack and distribute hampers.

For more information on the hamper program; how to apply for a hamper; how to refer someone to receive a hamper; the program application; and other fundraising programs and events please contact Coree Ladwig at 780-567-2843.

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