

YYC Christmas Resources 2024

SELF REFERRAL Can contact directly to request support

- **Rise Calgary** [email: info@risecalgary.ca](mailto:info@risecalgary.ca) (403)204-8280
- **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 info@calgaryfoodbank.com Satellite Locations: [Need Food? We are here to help. - Calgary Food Bank](#) Identification for all household members required. Hampers include regular food items – no holiday extras provided
- **Centre Street Church** – (403)520-1227 If you want to become a recipient of a hamper please send an email to hampers@cschurch.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 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 2024 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 \(ssvpcalgary.ca\)](#)
- **The Mustard Seed Hub** – (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 \(theseed.ca\)](#)

- **Northeast Calgary Adopt a Family Society** (403)590 6656 Email: necaafs@shaw.ca **Families are referred by the Community Resource Centers.** Please contact the Resource Center in your community and arrange for an interview. Referrals open October 2024 [North East Calgary Adopt a Family Society \(necaafs.com\)](#)

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](#)

AGENCY REFERRAL- must be referred by a qualified agency, health professional or support group

- **Kinette Club of Calgary- Adopt a Family Program** Email: info@kin Calgary.com [Adopt-A-Family \(kin Calgary.com\)](#) **Social Worker/Agency must 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)
- **Made By Momma Christmas Programs – A Social Worker referral is required** from an agency where the applicant is actively involved with agency programming. Referrals open from October until one week before Christmas (exceptions can be made). Requests for support must come through the “Contact Us” form on the website: <https://madebymomma.org/contact-us-2> Christmas Programs support families with at least one child aged 1+ living in the home living in Calgary and surrounding communities
 - ❖ [Adopt-a-Momma \(matches families in-need with generous sponsors\)](#)
 - ❖ [Santa’s Workshop](#)
 - ❖ [Holiday Food Hamper](#)
- **The Magic of Christmas – (403)8031619 Must be referred by a qualified agency, health professional or support group (Social Workers, Teachers, Doctors, Police Officers & Nurses, etc.).** Referrals Open

October 1 – December 15 Organizations can refer families for visits on Christmas Eve - 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](#)