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The Salvation Army Christmas Appeal

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Speers Point Public School is joining the Salvation Army to 'Give back this Christmas' by holding a food and gift drive.

2020 has been a difficult year – even more so for those already experiencing hardship. Making a donation of a gift or groceries is a great way you can help the Salvation Army make sure they leave no one in need this Christmas.

Start bringing in your donations now until Friday 4 December 2020.

Please bring your donations to the office.

See the guidelines of what can be donated.

Christmas Appeal GROCERY SUGGESTIONS

GUIDELINES

Please note – Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all Australian states have health and social distancing rules in place to minimise the spread of the virus. Please check your state's restrictions when organising your food drive or donating items.

- Please donate all items as early as possible – November or early December, to help us ensure that all food hampers and gifts are delivered to families by Christmas
- Consider donating a supermarket gift voucher (Coles, Woolworths, IGA etc.), as they allow the recipient the flexibility to purchase their choice of fresh produce or meat
- Please make sure all items being donated are new/unused/unopened
- Please ensure items have long expiry dates and are non-perishable
- Since these will be received as gifts, consider adding brand name products and some special items to help the recipient celebrate on Christmas Day
- Try packing the food into a washing basket or shopping bag that can be reused by the recipient (it's sustainable too!)
- Consider providing food that will suit families with young children, people with allergies, the elderly or new Australians

Listed below are some items you might like to donate this Christmas.

Christmas items

- Puddings, cakes, mince pies, shortbread
- Long-life cream, custard
- Snacks (biscuits, chips, chocolates, lollies)
- Table décor (bonbons, decorations, tablecloths, napkins)

Tinned foods

(Please ensure they are ring-pull tins only)

- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Soups
- Meats or fish
- Meals (baked beans, spaghetti)

Meal bases

- Pasta sauces
- Pre-prepared rice meals
- Curry and stir-fry sauces
- Meal kits (Mexican, Asian, Indian)

Other

- Breakfast cereal
- Spreads and jams
- Savoury biscuits
- Packet of jelly
- Liquid gravy
- Sugar
- Tea, coffee, hot chocolate
- Long-life milk or juices
- Iced tea
- Baby food

Cleaning and hygiene items

- Personal toiletries like soap, shampoo, toothpaste, hairbrush or toilet paper
- Cleaning products like multipurpose cleaner, dish detergent or washing powder
- Baby care items like nappies or baby wipes

For further information please get in touch with your local Salvos representative.

Christmas Appeal GIFT SUGGESTIONS

Please note – Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all Australian states have strict health and social distancing rules in place to minimise the spread of the virus. Please check your state's restrictions when organising your gift drive or donating items.

GUIDELINES

- Please donate all items as early as possible – November or early December, to help us ensure that all gifts are delivered to families by Christmas
- Consider donating gift vouchers – A gift voucher means a parent or guardian can still share in the unique joy of buying a gift for their child or family member (vouchers are also ideal for teenagers)
- Your donated gift may be the only present someone receives this Christmas, so please donate new items only
- Please consider donating gifts for older age groups (teenagers and parents) as every year we are overwhelmed with gifts for younger children

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Listed below are some gifts you might like to donate this Christmas.

Please leave gifts unwrapped, so parents/guardians can experience the dignity and joy of choosing gifts based on the recipients' interests or personality. Feel free to include wrapping paper or gift bags with the gifts.

Gift vouchers

Some gift voucher suggestions:

- Movie gift cards (Hoyts, Village Cinemas, Cinema Nova etc.)
- Sporting store gift cards
- Shopping centre gift cards
- Electronics store gift cards
- Department store gift cards
- Hardware store gift cards
- Visa gift cards
- Netflix gift cards
- iTunes gift cards
- Restaurant gift cards

Outdoor equipment

- Bicycles, skateboards, scooters, helmets, knee and elbow pads
- Beach towels, body boards, beach bags
- Sporting gear – netballs, footballs, soccer balls, basketballs, cricket sets
- Camping equipment – tents, stoves, sleeping bags
- Gym gear, sports towels

Activities

- Books
- Puzzles and board games
- Lego, Meccano, Mega Bloks
- Art and craft packs
- Stationery
- Science kits
- Toy cars
- Music instruments

Personal accessories

- Baseball caps, sun hats
- Jewellery, sunglasses, hair clips, watches
- Make-up, perfume, aftershave, nail polish
- Backpacks, wallets, handbags

Electronics

- Console games for PlayStation, Xbox
- Hair dryers, hair straighteners
- MP3 players
- Headphones, speakers
- Cameras



Thank you for making Christmas brighter for families in need.



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