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Help brighten the holidays
for families in need at rcrg.org



*Because we're here...
everyone can share in the holiday spirit.*

**A Program Built
on Generosity**

The Richmond Christmas Fund dates back to 1932, when Ethel Tibbits, then publisher and editor of The Richmond Review, saw a need and decided to act. It was the early stages of the Great Depression, and families were struggling to get by. She knew that these struggles were magnified during the holiday season, as many Richmond residents simply didn't have the means to celebrate. They couldn't afford a warm meal, much less gifts under the tree. And so Ms. Tibbits created the Christmas Fund as a way to help, and ensure that everyone could share in the holiday spirit.

Today, the Richmond Christmas Fund carries on as an essential program of Richmond Cares, Richmond Gives. Poverty may not



be as visible as it was 80 years ago, but it still exists, often in the shadows. We know because, through the Christmas Fund, we see it. Every year, we assist over 2000 low-income Richmond residents, providing them with grocery vouchers, and children with toys books and gift cards.

It's all possible because the spark of generosity that started with Ethel Tibbits has grown into a flame—the combined generosity of hundreds of volunteers, donors, and supporters, helping to brighten the holidays for those who need it most.



I'd like to provide a happier holiday season for families in need with my donation of:

\$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

Method of Payment:

- ☐ Online (Donations can be made at **rcrg.org**)
- ☐ Cash (Please do not send in the mail)
- ☐ Cheque (Payable to Richmond Christmas Fund)
- ☐ MasterCard or Visa

Card Number: _____

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Signature: _____

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The Richmond Christmas Fund and Richmond Cares, Richmond Gives respects and protects your privacy. We protect your personal information and adhere to all legislative requirements with respect to your privacy. We do not rent, sell, or trade lists of donors, clients, or volunteers.

- ☐ I would like to receive regular updates from Richmond Cares, Richmond Gives at this e-mail:

- ☐ Please remove me from your mailing list.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

DONATIONS

Cash donations to the Christmas Fund are greatly appreciated, and are primarily used to purchase grocery vouchers and books. You can donate online at **rcrg.org**, or include your credit card information on this brochure and mail it back to us. We also accept cheques (*payable to Richmond Christmas Fund*). All cash donations, regardless of method, are eligible for a tax receipt.

A major part of the Christmas Fund is our Toy Room, which we set up each year so families can select gifts for their children. We welcome donations of new and unwrapped toys, games, sports equipment, and gift cards. The items can be dropped off at our main office, located in the Richmond Caring Place, or at toy box locations throughout Richmond. *Please note that, due to allergies, we are no longer able to accept donations of stuffed animals.*

**Celebrating 85 years
of the Richmond
Christmas Fund!**



VOLUNTEERING

Many people assume that to join Santa's team, you have to travel all the way to the North Pole. Well, we have some good news: it's not true! In fact, you can help Santa right here in Richmond, as a volunteer for the Christmas Fund.

Every year, nearly 200 volunteers contribute over 3,400 hours to the program. They donate their time as registration assistants and toy sorters, as gift wrappers and special event volunteers. In short, they do it all, ensuring that the Christmas Fund can help as many people as possible.

Want to get involved? Volunteer recruitment begins in early September. At that time, visit **rcrg.org** to see a complete list of Christmas Fund volunteer opportunities, along with instructions on how to apply. All volunteers receive thorough training and tons of support.

If you're interested in fundraising, we encourage you to join our team of **Richmond Christmas Stars**, made up of community and business leaders who organize events and campaigns in support of the Christmas Fund.

Call **604-279-7020** for details.



HOW TO RECEIVE HELP

The Richmond Christmas Fund is a non-religious, non-discriminatory program. We provide assistance to low-income individuals and families in Richmond, BC, who do not have the financial means to celebrate the holidays.

Please note that the Christmas Fund is not a government program, and is supported almost entirely by donations from the community. The program exists thanks to the incredible generosity of Richmond residents.

Registration takes place over four consecutive Saturdays, beginning in late November. On the day you register, you'll receive your grocery voucher allotment. If you have children, you'll also be able to visit the Toy Room to select gifts. For information on where and when you can register, please visit **rcrg.org**.

To apply for assistance, you must be a Richmond resident and meet the Christmas Fund's eligibility criteria, which is posted at **rcrg.org**. Also included on the site is a list of documents you'll need to bring when you register. If you have any questions about your eligibility or the required documentation, please call **604-279-7020**.