



## Giving this Holiday Season- 2014

The following list of 2014 Holiday volunteer opportunities, donating in kind (items and food) and donating funds to non-profits across Waterloo Region were compiled through online scanning. This list is not comprehensive, and will be updated if new opportunities for volunteering or donations are found. The information has not been formally verified, so please use the links/contact information provided for the most up-to-date information. If you have any questions, concerns or would like to include your organization in this guide, please contact the Community Information Centre of Waterloo Region at 519-579-3800 or by email at [info@waterlooregion.org](mailto:info@waterlooregion.org)

Find the locations on a map



[For easy access to the locations of the organizations listed in the document below, click here](#)



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## Volunteering your Time

The holiday season brings out the desire to give back to our community and help those less fortunate than us. There are many inspiring and helpful ways to volunteer your time to local organizations by supporting events such as holiday events, meals and fundraisers. These organizations are all doing excellent work to make the holiday season a merry and bright one for everyone and could really use your help to realize that dream! Make sure to contact the organization you want to volunteer with early, rather than waiting until the last few days before Christmas. Below you will find some holiday volunteer opportunities to get you started.

### Special Events

<b>Organization</b>	Various Organizations
<b>Position</b>	Various Positions – Special Events
<b>Description</b>	The Volunteer Action Centre keeps a list of Special Event volunteer opportunities which can include helping out with holiday parties or wrapping gifts
<b>Dates</b>	Hours and positions vary
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://www.volunteerkw.ca/Listings.php?ListType=Volunteer_Positions_Special&amp;MenuItemID=77">http://www.volunteerkw.ca/Listings.php?ListType=Volunteer_Positions_Special&amp;MenuItemID=77</a>

### Serving Meals

<b>Organization</b>	ACCKWA
<b>Position</b>	Kitchen and Set up Assistants
<b>Location</b>	137 Queen Street South, Kitchener, N2G 1W2
<b>Description</b>	Volunteers are needed to assist with meal preparation and set up. All tasks will be done in a fully equipped kitchen at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Queen Street St. South
<b>Dates/Hours</b>	Approximately 2:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 11, 2014.
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://www.volunteerkw.ca/report.php?ListType=Volunteer_Positions_Special&amp;ID=16012&amp;MenuItemID=20">http://www.volunteerkw.ca/report.php?ListType=Volunteer_Positions_Special&amp;ID=16012&amp;MenuItemID=20</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Patrick Cooper, 519-570-3687 Ext. 313



<b>Organization</b>	<b>St John's Kitchen</b>
<b>Position</b>	Kitchen Volunteer
<b>Location</b>	97 Victoria Street North
<b>Description</b>	Only because of the many volunteers at St. John's Kitchen does this wonderful project succeed. Working at St. John's Kitchen If you are able to help, is fun, rewarding and extremely worthwhile.
<b>Dates/Hours</b>	Volunteers are required between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m, Monday to Friday
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://www.theworkingcentre.org/volunteering/144">http://www.theworkingcentre.org/volunteering/144</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Gretchen, 519-745-8928 or by email at <a href="mailto:gretchenj@theworkingcentre.org">gretchenj@theworkingcentre.org</a>

### Christmas Sorting and Wrapping

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Epilepsy Waterloo-Wellington</b>
<b>Position</b>	Gift Wrapping Volunteer
<b>Description</b>	Volunteers are needed for the annual Gift Wrap event this December to raise funds and awareness for epilepsy. The event runs from and requires many amazing volunteers to wrap presents, make bows and spread holiday cheer!
<b>Dates/Hours</b>	Dec. 1st though 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2014, hours vary
<b>Location</b>	Conestoga Mall, 550 King St N, Waterloo.
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://www.epilepsyww.com/?q=content/holiday-gift-wrapping-fundraiser">http://www.epilepsyww.com/?q=content/holiday-gift-wrapping-fundraiser</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Jennifer at 519-745-2112, <a href="mailto:epilepsy@epilepsyww.com">epilepsy@epilepsyww.com</a>

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Grand River Hospital</b>
<b>Position</b>	Gift Wrappers
<b>Description</b>	Gift wrappers (individuals or small groups) are needed from November 29 to December 24 <sup>th</sup> 2014 at Fairview Park Mall in support of Grand River Hospital.
<b>Dates</b>	November 29 to December 24 <sup>th</sup> 2014
<b>Location</b>	Fairview Park Mall, 2960 Kingsway Dr.
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://www.volunteerkw.ca/report.php?ListType=Volunteer_Positions&amp;ID=18098&amp;MenuItemID=20">http://www.volunteerkw.ca/report.php?ListType=Volunteer_Positions&amp;ID=18098&amp;MenuItemID=20</a>

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Woolwich Community Services</b>
<b>Position</b>	Christmas Goodwill Volunteers
<b>Description</b>	Woolwich Community Services has a variety of volunteer positions to suit your interests- there are a variety of activities to become involved with for the holiday season, including shopping for and wrapping gifts and sorting food for food hampers.
<b>Dates/Hours</b>	Monday to Thursday, a week before Christmas, 2-3 hours
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://www.woolwichcommunityservices.com/Volunteer.html">http://www.woolwichcommunityservices.com/Volunteer.html</a>
<b>Contact</b>	(519)669-5139 or submit interest via online volunteering form



<b>Organization</b>	Women's Crisis Services of Waterloo Region
<b>Position</b>	Volunteer
<b>Description</b>	During the month of December, there are opportunities for individuals or small groups to lend their support. Duties include sorting through community donations, labelling, and folding, wrapping or unwrapping gifts. Limited opportunities exist.
<b>Dates/Hours</b>	December 2014, hours vary
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://www.wcswr.org/support-us/holiday-giving-to-womens-crisis-services/">http://www.wcswr.org/support-us/holiday-giving-to-womens-crisis-services/</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Sherry MacIntyre at 519-741-9184 ext 2038 or <a href="mailto:sherry.macintyre@wcswr.org">sherry.macintyre@wcswr.org</a>

### Office Help and Support

<b>Organization</b>	Family and Children's Services Waterloo Region
<b>Position</b>	Adopt a Family Volunteer Assistant
<b>Description</b>	Assist with running the Holiday Gift Program for needy families! This will include greeting donors arriving to drop off gifts for families, documenting donation information, tagging gifts in larger bags for pick up and distribution, assisting family workers to find sponsored gifts for families on their caseload, etc. The Volunteer is responsible for the intake and distribution of gifts, organizing donor receipts, and helping to organize the Holiday Workshop.
<b>Dates</b>	This program runs the weeks of Dec 1-5, 8-12, 15-19 2014 in the daytime hours with an orientation provided prior to December 1 <sup>st</sup> .
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://volunteerkw.ca/report.php?ListType=Volunteer_Positions&amp;ID=17046&amp;MenuItemID=20">http://volunteerkw.ca/report.php?ListType=Volunteer_Positions&amp;ID=17046&amp;MenuItemID=20</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Carrie Landry-519-576-1329 Ext. 3411

<b>Organization</b>	House of Friendship – KW Christmas Bureau
<b>Position</b>	Office Helper- KW Christmas Bureau
<b>Description</b>	The Office Helpers are responsible for opening mail, checking applications for completeness, maintaining an organized work area, and some telephone calling to clients for clarifications. The purpose of the Christmas Bureau is to coordinate the efforts of individuals and organizations that provide food and toys to those in need while attempting to make community resources reach as many people as possible
<b>Dates</b>	Shifts are Monday to Friday from 10am-1:30pm and/or 1:30pm - 5:00pm from November 18 to December 19 2014
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://volunteerkw.ca/report.php?ListType=Volunteer_Positions_Special&amp;ID=18087&amp;MenuItemID=20">http://volunteerkw.ca/report.php?ListType=Volunteer_Positions_Special&amp;ID=18087&amp;MenuItemID=20</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Alicia Carter-519-742-8327 Ext. 127



## Host an Event

<b>Organization</b>	<b>The Food Bank of Waterloo Region</b>
<b>Description</b>	The Food Bank of Waterloo Region allows individuals and organizations to run food and fund drives on their behalf. Visit the link below for registration information as well as a handbook, posters and donation tracking sheets to get you started.
<b>Contact</b>	519-743-5576
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://www.thefoodbank.ca/en/getinvolved/coordinate_a_food_drive.asp">http://www.thefoodbank.ca/en/getinvolved/coordinate a food drive.asp</a>

<b>Organization</b>	<b>YWCA Kitchener-Waterloo</b>
<b>Description</b>	The YWCA of Kitchener-Waterloo encourages community members to host events in support of the organization. Individuals are asked to submit a Special Event Proposal form before hosting the event.
<b>Contact</b>	Emily Baetz, Events Coordinator at <a href="mailto:emily.baetz@ywcakw.on.ca">emily.baetz@ywcakw.on.ca</a>
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://www.ywcakw.on.ca/host-an-event">http://www.ywcakw.on.ca/host-an-event</a>



## Donations In-Kind

Many agencies keep yearly or Seasonal wish lists of products and items that will help their clients in their daily lives or help the agency to run more smoothly during the holiday season. Donations of new and used items such as toys, toiletries and other products can really brighten the day of women, children and families who have limited budgets or who will be spending their holiday season in a shelter or away from home. Not to mention that glorious feeling of cleaning out some space in the house before the New Year!

### Agencies with Wish Lists

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Family and Children's Services</b>
<b>Description</b>	You can help us help children, youth, and families in our community. Twice annually we highlight the priority needs of the Agency in the Foundations newsletter.
<b>Agency focus</b>	Children, Youth, Families
<b>Wish list</b>	<a href="http://www.facswaterloo.org/html/FoundationWishList.html">http://www.facswaterloo.org/html/FoundationWishList.html</a>

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Kitchener-Waterloo Humane Society</b>
<b>Description</b>	The Kitchener-Waterloo Humane Society can always use donations of animal care items for the dogs, cats and animals in their care.
<b>Agency Focus</b>	Animals
<b>Wish list</b>	<a href="http://www.kwhumane.com/news/animal-care-wishlist/">http://www.kwhumane.com/news/animal-care-wishlist/</a>

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Monica Place</b>
<b>Description</b>	Monica Place has an established tradition of celebrating the Holiday Season with the sharing of gifts. This tradition relies on your kindness and generosity since the gifts that you give will be the only gifts that many of our women receive.
<b>Agency Focus</b>	Women, children
<b>Wish list</b>	<a href="http://www.monicaplace.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/Holiday-Wish-List-2014.pdf">http://www.monicaplace.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/Holiday-Wish-List-2014.pdf</a>
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://www.monicaplace.ca/help-volunteer/donate/">http://www.monicaplace.ca/help-volunteer/donate/</a>

<b>Organization</b>	<b>ROOF (Reaching our Outdoor Friends)</b>
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<b>Description</b>	ROOF (Reaching our Outdoor Friends) maintains a wish list of items that they can use for the homeless youth that use their services
<b>Agency focus</b>	Youth
<b>Wish list</b>	<a href="http://www.roof-agency.net/wishlist/">http://www.roof-agency.net/wishlist/</a>

<b>Organization</b>	<b>YWCA Kitchener-Waterloo</b>
<b>Description</b>	YWCA Kitchener-Waterloo accepts donations of new, non-monetary items throughout the year from individuals and community groups to support all of our programs across the organization. This wish list is updated regularly by our program staff.
<b>Agency Focus</b>	Women, children, families
<b>Wish list</b>	<a href="http://www.ywcakw.on.ca/wishlist">http://www.ywcakw.on.ca/wishlist</a>

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Women's Crisis Services of Waterloo Region</b>
<b>Description</b>	Because of the generosity of our community the shelves at Women's Crisis Services are filled with clothing, toiletries, supplies, gifts and more for the women and children we serve. This agency does not have the resources or storage space to manage additional donated items, therefore will accept ONLY items on their wish list.
<b>Wish List</b>	<a href="http://www.wcswr.org/support-us/wish-list/">http://www.wcswr.org/support-us/wish-list/</a>

## Toy Drives

<b>Organization</b>	<b>570 News and Country 106.7 Secret Santa Toy Drive</b>
<b>Description</b>	<p>Help brighten Christmas morning for a child in Waterloo Region. Join Rogers TV in supporting the 570 NEWS and Country 106.7 Secret Santa Toy Drive.</p> <p>Purchase a toy for a less fortunate boy or girl and drop it off at a Secret Santa donation box. With the help of the Salvation Army, we will make sure your gift makes it into the hands of a child who otherwise would not have a present to open Christmas morning.</p>
<b>Drop off Locations</b>	<p>Kitchener Locations:</p> <p>Fairview Park Mall  Rogers Store – River: 1020 River Road  Rogers Store – Highland Hills: 875 Highland Road West  Rogers Store – Fairview Park Mall: 2960 Kingsway Drive</p> <p>Waterloo Locations:</p>





	<p>Rogers Store – Bridgeport: 75 Weber Street North                  Rogers Store – Conestoga Mall: 550 King Street</p> <p>Cambridge Locations:</p> <p>Rogers Store – Cambridge: 415 Hespeler Road                  Rogers Store – South Cambridge: 200 Franklin Blvd South                  Rogers Store – Cambridge Centre: 355 Hespeler Road</p> <p>Guelph Locations:</p> <p>Rogers Store – Willow: 130 Silvercreek Parkway                  Rogers Store – Stone Road: 492 Edinburgh Road South</p>
Source	<p><a href="http://www.rogerstv.com/page.aspx?lid=16&amp;rid=54&amp;tid=35141">http://www.rogerstv.com/page.aspx?lid=16&amp;rid=54&amp;tid=35141</a></p> <p>For more info, visit <a href="http://www.570news.com">www.570news.com</a> or <a href="http://www.country1067.com">www.country1067.com</a></p>

Organization	City Of Cambridge
Description	It's that time of year again! The City of Cambridge invites you to pay for your parking ticket with a toy. For any tickets received between Dec. 1 and Dec. 14, you have to option of bringing in an unwrapped toy of equal value as payment for your ticket.
Agency Focus	All of the toys collected go to the Cambridge Professional Firefighters' Association's Christmas Basket Program serving local families in need
Location	Cambridge City Hall, 50 Dickson Street, Cambridge, ON
Source	<a href="http://www.cambridge.ca/news.php?nid=577">http://www.cambridge.ca/news.php?nid=577</a>

Organization	The Waterloo Region Record- Books for Kids Book Drive
Description	Give the gift of reading during the holiday season by donating to the Guelph Mercury and Waterloo Region Record’s Books for Kids program, which accepts book donations and distributes them to underprivileged children in the community through the Salvation Army. Drop off new and unwrapped books for ages 0-18 years at the below locations.
Locations	<p><b>Kitchener</b></p> <p>Kitchener Public Library (Main and all branches)</p>



Kitchener Market 300 King St. E.

Fairview Park Mall Calendar Club Store

Project READ Literacy Network 124 Sydney St. S.

Waterloo Region Museum 10 Huron Rd.

Salvation Army 1-300 Gage St.

The Literacy Group of Waterloo Region 151 Frederick St. Suite 200

Waterloo Region Record 160 King St. E.

Volumes Publishing 5-907 Frederick St.

FM 98.5 CKWR 1446 King St. E.

### **Waterloo**

Conestoga Mall Centre Court

KidsAbility Centre 500 Hallmark Place

Waterloo Public Library (Main and all branches)

Words Worth Books 100 King St. S.

Westvale Public School 265 Westvale Dr.

Keats Way Public School 323 Keats Way

### **Elmira**

Woolwich Community Services 73 Arthur St. S.

### **New Hamburg**

New Hamburg Branch Library

Wilmot Family Resource Centre 175 Waterloo St., Unit 1

### **Rural libraries**

Ayr, Baden, Bloomingdale, Elmira, Linwood, New Dundee, St.Clements, St. Jacobs and Wellesley



<b>Cambridge</b>	<p>IDEA EXCHANGE (Main and all branches)</p> <p>Cambridge Centre Mall, near Guest Services</p> <p>Salvation Army 12 Shade St.</p> <p>The Cambridge Family Early Years Centre 149 Ainslie St. N.</p>
<b>Guelph</b>	<p>Guelph Mercury 8-14 Macdonell St.</p> <p>Salvation Army 1320 Gordon St.</p> <p>The Book Shelf 41 Quebec St.</p> <p>Conestoga College 460 Speedvale Ave.</p> <p>Stone Road Mall - Salvation Army Book Bin in toy drive area</p>
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://www.therecord.com/community-static/2877753-therecord-charities">http://www.therecord.com/community-static/2877753-therecord-charities</a>

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Waterloo Knights of Columbus</b>
<b>Description</b>	Help bring a smile to a child in need this Christmas. While you are out shopping pick up a new toy & support the Waterloo Knights of Columbus 18th Annual New Toys for Needy Kids 2014 Toy Drive.
<b>Drop off Locations</b>	<p>Waterloo Knights of Columbus – 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo</p> <p>Waterloo Regional Police Service Headquarters &amp; All Detachments</p> <p>All Waterloo Fire Stations</p> <p>Kitchener Fire Department Headquarters - Strasburg Road Station</p> <p>Morty's Pub - 272 King Street North, Waterloo</p>
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://www.rogerstv.com/page.aspx?lid=16&amp;rid=54&amp;tid=35141">http://www.rogerstv.com/page.aspx?lid=16&amp;rid=54&amp;tid=35141</a>



## Support a Family

<b>Organization</b>	Langs – Giving Tree
<b>Description</b>	Help families in need in the Langs community at Christmas time this year. Bring in an item and drop it under our ‘Giving Tree’ in our Resource Centre or contact them for more information.
<b>Contact</b>	Crystal- 519-6531470 ext 235
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://www.langs.org/fundraising/">http://www.langs.org/fundraising/</a>

<b>Organization</b>	Tree of Angels
<b>Location</b>	Conestoga Mall, 550 King St N, Waterloo
<b>Description</b>	Participants buy gifts for children and youth up to 16 years ~ accepts gift cards and cash donations ~ gifts given to Salvation Army (Kitchener-Waterloo) ~ part of Christmas Bureau. 886-5500 (mall office)
<b>Dates</b>	December 5- Dec 20, 2014
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://www.koolfm.com/Charity/Tree-of-Angels-Campaign">http://www.koolfm.com/Charity/Tree-of-Angels-Campaign</a>

<b>Organization</b>	Family and Children’s Services Waterloo – Adopt-A- Family
<b>Description</b>	The Adopt-A-Family Holiday Program works to provide families and youth in need in Waterloo Region with gifts during the holiday season. The program matches generous community donors with families and youth involved with the agency who, too often, go without.
<b>Source</b>	Register online at: <a href="http://www.facswaterloo.org/html/TreeofHopeAdoptAFamily.html">http://www.facswaterloo.org/html/TreeofHopeAdoptAFamily.html</a>  Brochure: <a href="http://www.facswaterloo.org/ResourceDocuments/TOH/AAF%20Brochure%202014.pdf">http://www.facswaterloo.org/ResourceDocuments/TOH/AAF%20Brochure%202014.pdf</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Keara Mulhern, Adopt-A- Family Coordinator, 519-576-1329 Ext. 3754 or by email at <a href="mailto:adoptafamily@facswaterloo.org">adoptafamily@facswaterloo.org</a>



## Donate Used Items

Need somewhere to donate used items? Many thrift shops in the Waterloo Region donate items back to non-profits who do not have the space to process and store donations of clothes and other housewares. Here's a list of some local thrift stores to get you started.

**Bibles for Missions, Thrift Store-** 27 Scott St, Kitchener ~ 519-578-3860

**Goodwill Industries Retail Store -** 1348 Weber St E, Kitchener ~ 519-894-0628

**The Green Door -** 37 Market Lane, Kitchener ~ 519-804-2466

**New Hamburg Thrift Centre-** 41 Heritage Dr., New Hamburg: 519-662-2867

**Thrift on Kent -** 50 Kent Avenue, Kitchener: 519-886-6226

**Thrift and Gifts-** 59 Church St W, Elmira: 519-669-8475

**Quality Discounts-** 26 Arthur St S, Elmira ~519-669-4032

**The Salvation Army Thrift Stores-** 563 Highland Rd W, Kitchener ~ 519-584-0818

**Talize -** 1144 Courtland Ave E, Kitchener ~ 519-744-4300

**Uptown Thrift -** 742 King St E, Cambridge ~519-650-1241

**Valu-Centre -** 75 Dundas St N, Unit 6B, Cambridge ~ 519-629-0103

**Value Village-** 480 Hespeler Rd, Cambridge ~ 519-624-1812

**Value Village-** 120 Ottawa St N, Kitchener ~ 519-576-4403

**Value Village-** 50 Gateway Park Dr., Kitchener ~ 519-653-3900

**Woolwich Community Services Thrift Shop -** 48 Arthur St S, Elmira ~ 519-669-1129

**Worth a Second Look Furniture & Housewares-** 97 Victoria St N, Kitchener ~ 519-569-7566

Source: <http://waterlooregion.cioc.ca/bresults.asp?SubjID=2124>



## Giving Food

Good food to eat and a nice holiday meal with family or friends is an important part of any celebration during the holiday season. There are many organizations that collect funds and give out hampers around the holidays that need help to make sure their food hampers are full this holiday season.

### Food Donations

<b>Organization</b>	<b>The Cambridge Self -Help Food Bank</b>
<b>Description</b>	The Cambridge Food bank always accepts food items in support of their food hamper programs and food cooperative
<b>Donation Drop off</b>	54 Ainslie St S, Cambridge, Mon-Tue 12-4:30pm; Wed, Fri 9am-4:30pm; Thu 9am-6:30pm
<b>Contact</b>	519-622-6550 ext. 112
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://www.cambridgefoodbank.on.ca/donate-food/">http://www.cambridgefoodbank.on.ca/donate-food/</a>

<b>Organization</b>	<b>The Food Bank of Waterloo Region</b>
<b>Description</b>	The Food Bank of Waterloo Region accepts both perishable and non-perishable donations in support of their many food programs and services.
<b>Donation Drop off</b>	50 Alpine Crt, Kitchener, Monday to Friday 8:30am-4:30pm
<b>Contact</b>	519-743-5576
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://www.thefoodbank.ca/en/aboutus/food_programs.asp">http://www.thefoodbank.ca/en/aboutus/food_programs.asp</a>
<b>Wish List</b>	Most Needed Items: Peanut butter, beans in sauce, canned fish, canned fruit, cereal, canned pasta

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Stuff-A-Bus</b>
<b>Description</b>	Stuff-A-Bus returns! Help 99.5 FM KFUN, 105.3 KOOL FM, and CTV Kitchener fill a GRT bus with food & funds so no one goes hungry. Join us for the kick off at noon featuring UW's The Water Boys.
<b>Donation Drop off</b>	Zehrs, Ottawa/Strasburg (Laurentian Power Centre) Kitchener
<b>Dates</b>	Kick off at 12:00 pm (Dec 12) - 6:00 pm (Dec 14)
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://www.thefoodbank.ca/en/events/upcoming_events.asp">http://www.thefoodbank.ca/en/events/upcoming_events.asp</a>



<b>Organization</b>	<b>Loblaw Extra Helping Campaign</b>
<b>Description</b>	Loblaw Extra Helping Campaign held at Zehrs, Real Canadian Superstore, value-mart, and no frills stores will be raising food & funds for The Food Bank.
<b>Donation Drop off</b>	Your local Zehrs, Real Canadian Superstore, value-mart and no frills
<b>Dates</b>	December 5-24, 2014
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://www.thefoodbank.ca/en/events/upcoming_events.asp">http://www.thefoodbank.ca/en/events/upcoming_events.asp</a>

<b>Organization</b>	<b>CBC Sounds of the Season</b>
<b>Description</b>	Listen to 89.1 FM CBC-KW for details of this Food Bank fundraiser
<b>Donation Drop off</b>	89.1 FM CBC-KW
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://www.thefoodbank.ca/en/events/upcoming_events.asp">http://www.thefoodbank.ca/en/events/upcoming_events.asp</a>

<b>Organization</b>	<b>The House of Friendship</b>
<b>Description</b>	The House of Friendship is always looking for donations to their food hamper programs such as grocery store items, fresh garden produce and frozen items and food prepared in a government inspected facility.
<b>Donation Drop off</b>	63 Charles St. E in Kitchener 24 hours a day, 7 days a week 807 Guelph St. in Kitchener, Monday to Friday, between 8:30 and 4:00.
<b>Source</b>	<a href="https://hofemergencyfoodassistance.wordpress.com/get-involved/">https://hofemergencyfoodassistance.wordpress.com/get-involved/</a> and <a href="http://www.houseoffriendship.org/help_giftsinkind.php">http://www.houseoffriendship.org/help_giftsinkind.php</a>
	Food Services Coordinator at 519-742-8327
<b>Needed Items</b>	<a href="https://hofemergencyfoodassistance.wordpress.com/get-involved/">https://hofemergencyfoodassistance.wordpress.com/get-involved/</a>

<b>Organization</b>	<b>St John's Kitchen</b>
<b>Description</b>	St John's Kitchen gratefully accepts good donations in support of their family meal programs.
<b>Donation Drop off</b>	58 Queen Street S. Kitchener, Monday-Friday: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
<b>Contact</b>	Gretchen at 519-745-8928 or <a href="mailto:gretchenj@theworkingcentre.org">gretchenj@theworkingcentre.org</a>
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://www.theworkingcentre.org/donations/145">http://www.theworkingcentre.org/donations/145</a>
<b>Needed Items</b>	Drinks: Coffee and Tea Food: Sugar, Spices and Herbs, Soup Base Mix, Peanut Butter, Jam, Cheese, Ground Pepper Kitchen Equipment: Cutlery, Peelers, Paring Knives, Dish Cloths



<b>Organization</b>	<b>The Wilmot Family Resource Centre – Food Bank</b>
<b>Description</b>	The Cambridge Food bank always accepts food items in support of their food hamper programs and food cooperative
<b>Donation Drop off</b>	Unit 1-175 Waterloo St., New Hamburg, Monday 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Thursday 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
<b>Contact</b>	(519) 662-2731
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://www.wilmotfamilyresourcecentre.ca/index_files/foodbank.htm">http://www.wilmotfamilyresourcecentre.ca/index_files/foodbank.htm</a>
<b>Needed Items</b>	Spaghetti Sauce/Canned Tomatoes, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit, School Foods – fruit cups, applesauce cups, etc., Powdered Milk/ Canned Evaporated Milk





## Monetary Donations

Donations of cash or other financial donations are the backbone of any charity or program offered by an agency, and any little bit helps. But don't get carried away just because it's the holidays –make sure to exercise caution when donating money by ensuring that the charity who is asking you for donations is a registered charity. The Canadian Revenue Agency keeps a searchable database of all registered charities in Canada (<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/chrts-gvng/lstngs/menu-eng.html>) that will help you to verify charitable status of any organization. Remember that donations made before December 31<sup>st</sup> can be claimed as charitable donations on this year's taxes.

Not sure which organization you'd like to donate to this year? Canada Helps (<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/>) is a trusted website for donating to charities in Canada, which enables you to find organizations by keyword, category of giving or by current campaigns (<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/campaigns/>).

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<b>Organization</b>	<b>Cambridge Self-Help Food Bank</b>
<b>Description</b>	Not enough time for shopping? You can make cash donations to the Cambridge Self-Help Food Bank. With your donation we will ensure that our families can receive support when they need it. Donating online is quick, secure and easy Not sure what to buy someone that has everything....make a donation in honour / memory of someone you love and we will send a card to that person to let them know a donation was made on their behalf. We accept cash, cheque, visa, MasterCard, gifts in kind and all food donations, health care products, baby items, and most things that will support children and adults whatever their needs may be
<b>Source</b>	<a href="https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/cambridge-self-help-food-bank-inc/">https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/cambridge-self-help-food-bank-inc/</a>

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Food Bank of Waterloo Region</b>
<b>Description</b>	\$100 provides 300 meals, \$250 provides 750 meals & \$500 provides 1500 meals
<b>Source</b>	<a href="https://www.thefoodbank.ca/en/donate/donateonline.aspx">https://www.thefoodbank.ca/en/donate/donateonline.aspx</a>

<b>Organization</b>	<b>House of Friendship</b>
<b>Description</b>	House of Friendship is supported by churches, community groups, businesses, individuals and all levels of government. We depend on over \$1,100,000 in direct monetary donations annually to assist less fortunate members of our community. We are a member agency of United Way of Kitchener-Waterloo & the Townships of Wellesley, Wilmot & Woolwich and receive an annual grant.
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://www.houseoffriendship.org/help_donations.php">http://www.houseoffriendship.org/help_donations.php</a>



<b>Organization</b>	<b>Langs</b>
<b>Description</b>	Langs is a community development organization dedicated to promoting free to low cost accessible health and social services in the Waterloo-Wellington area. Donations to Langs help ensure every person in our neighbourhoods has a place to call home for health, wellness & community support - See more at: <a href="http://www.langs.org/fundraising/#sthash.lkx8rGSo.dpuf">http://www.langs.org/fundraising/#sthash.lkx8rGSo.dpuf</a>
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://www.langs.org/fundraising/">http://www.langs.org/fundraising/</a>

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Monica Place</b>
<b>Description</b>	If you would like to make a monetary donation but do not wish to do so online, you can also mail a cheque to: 231 Herbert Street, Waterloo, ON N2J 1V1. Alternatively, feel free to come into our office to drop off your cheque or cash
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://www.monicaplace.ca/help-volunteer/donate/">http://www.monicaplace.ca/help-volunteer/donate/</a>

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Planned Parenthood Waterloo Region</b>
<b>Description</b>	Planned Parenthood Waterloo Region relies on the generosity of many individuals, corporations, foundations, and community groups to maintain local sexual health education and client support services.
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://ppwr.on.ca/support-ppwr/">http://ppwr.on.ca/support-ppwr/</a>

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Ray of Hope</b>
<b>Description</b>	Donations to Ray of Hope help support programs such as the community Centre and other youth programs in the areas of justice services, employment, addictions and other community supports.
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://www.rayofhope.net/content/donations">http://www.rayofhope.net/content/donations</a>

<b>Organization</b>	<b>ROOF (Reaching our Outdoor Friends)</b>
<b>Description</b>	ROOF relies on donations from the community to help make a positive difference in the lives of the youth that they assist.
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://www.roof-agency.net/donate/">http://www.roof-agency.net/donate/</a>

<b>Organization</b>	<b>The Salvation Army</b>
<b>Description</b>	Your donation will help restore hope and dignity to vulnerable and marginalized people.
<b>Source</b>	<a href="https://secure.salvationarmy.ca/registant/donate.aspx?eventid=154206">https://secure.salvationarmy.ca/registant/donate.aspx?eventid=154206</a>

<b>Organization</b>	<b>The Sexual Assault Support Centre of Waterloo Region</b>
<b>Description</b>	Your donation will help support survivors of sexual assault in our community.
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://www.sascwr.org/donate">http://www.sascwr.org/donate</a>



<b>Organization</b>	Women's Crisis Services of Waterloo Region
<b>Description</b>	Your financial support of women and children in our community who are fleeing abuse and violence is key to the success of the work that we do at Women's Crisis Services of Waterloo Region.
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://www.wcswr.org/support-us/donate/">http://www.wcswr.org/support-us/donate/</a>

<b>Organization</b>	The Working Centre
<b>Description</b>	A donation to the Working Centre is a thoughtful and practical way to honour our community, celebrate a milestone, or memorialize someone.
<b>Source</b>	Donation Page <a href="https://donate.theworkingcentre.org/">https://donate.theworkingcentre.org/</a> Flyer: <a href="https://donate.theworkingcentre.org/sites/default/files/file_attachments/2014_fundraising_flyer.pdf">https://donate.theworkingcentre.org/sites/default/files/file_attachments/2014_fundraising_flyer.pdf</a>

<b>Organization</b>	YWCA Kitchener-Waterloo
<b>Description</b>	Your gift will make a difference in the lives of women and families in need in our community. Here are a few whose lives have been changed
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://www.ywcakw.on.ca/personal-gifts">http://www.ywcakw.on.ca/personal-gifts</a>

### Support Special Events

<b>Organization</b>	Epilepsy Waterloo-Wellington – Gift Wrapping at Conestoga Mall
<b>Location</b>	Conestoga Mall
<b>Description</b>	This December we are looking for help with our Annual Holiday Gift Wrapping Fundraiser @ Conestoga Mall. Volunteers can expect to wrap presents, make bows and spread holiday cheer! Attendance at one training session is required for all new volunteers and will take place in November. Mall shifts are typically 4 hours in length. You can sign up for as little or as much as you would like. High school volunteer hours will be honored.
<b>Dates</b>	Dec. 1 - 24th
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://www.epilww.com/?q=content/gift-wrap-2014">http://www.epilww.com/?q=content/gift-wrap-2014</a>

<b>Organization</b>	Grand River Hospital – Gift Wrapping at Fairview Park Mall
<b>Location</b>	Fairview Park Mall - 2960 Kingsway Drive, Kitchener
<b>Description</b>	Take the stress away from the holidays with Gift Wrap Services provided by Grand River Hospital Volunteers from November 29 to Dec 24. You can leave Fairview Park with your shopping done AND wrapped. (A suggested donation will be posted at the booth.)
<b>Dates</b>	Friday November 29th to Tuesday December 24th.



**Source** [http://www.fairviewpark.ca/en/centreinfo/Pages/The\\_Holidays.aspx](http://www.fairviewpark.ca/en/centreinfo/Pages/The_Holidays.aspx)

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Family and Children's Services</b>
<b>Event</b>	<b>Deck the Walls</b>
<b>Description</b>	<p>Deck The Walls is an easy way to show your support for the Tree of Hope as a business or as a customer. It is a simple point of purchase donation. As a customer all you have to do is purchase your paper Tree of Hope for \$2 and sign your name.</p> <p>All proceeds go towards the CHYM Tree of Hope Campaign benefiting Family and Children's Services Foundation. Money raised during the Tree of Hope supports scholarships, summer camp experiences and more.</p>
<b>Dates</b>	November 24 to December 7, 2014
<b>Locations</b>	<p>Sobey's - 94 Bridgeport Road, Waterloo  Sobey's - 1187 Fischer Hallman Road, Kitchener  Sobey's - 450 Columbia Street, Waterloo  Sobey's - 585 Weber Street North, Waterloo  Sobey's - 274 Highland Road West, Kitchener  Sobey's - 130 Cedar Street, Cambridge  Sobey's - 235 Ira Needles Blvd, Kitchener  Home Hardware - 235 Ira Needles Blvd, Kitchener  Kitchener Market on Nov 29 and Dec 6  Tadpole Children's Shoppe - 75 King St S, Waterloo</p>
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://www.facswaterloo.org/html/TreeofHopeDeckWalls.html">http://www.facswaterloo.org/html/TreeofHopeDeckWalls.html</a>



## After the Holiday season is over

While volunteers are appreciated around the holiday season, all organizations that help people in need are in need of volunteers year-round. Some organizations even require volunteers to attend training sessions and make a specific time commitment to their organization (often 8- 12 months) in order to help support their clients with familiar faces. See below for some possible places to get started volunteering.

### Volunteering

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Community Support Connections</b>
<b>Description</b>	Community Support Connections – <i>Meals on Wheels and More</i> simply could not exist without the small acts of kindness from our truly incredible volunteers. They are the very heart and soul of the organization, and their words and acts of kindness help to bring smiles to the faces of all of our clients!
<b>City</b>	Kitchener
<b>Contact</b>	519-772-8787
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://communitysupportconnections.org/volunteer/#filter_mini_tabs_tabset_0">http://communitysupportconnections.org/volunteer/#filter_mini_tabs_tabset_0</a>

<b>Organization</b>	<b>House of Friendship</b>
<b>Position</b>	Volunteer
<b>Description</b>	Volunteers are valued at House of Friendship and are essential to help staff provide quality service to program participants.
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://www.houseoffriendship.org/help_volunteeropportunities.php">http://www.houseoffriendship.org/help_volunteeropportunities.php</a>

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Ray of Hope</b>
<b>Position</b>	Various
<b>Description</b>	Ray of Hope has many opportunities for volunteering such as helping with food hampers, serving meals, administration, driving, shopping, dishwashing or teaching art. They also accept both adult and youth volunteers.
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://www.rayofhope.net/content/volunteering">http://www.rayofhope.net/content/volunteering</a>

<b>Organization</b>	<b>ROOF (Reaching our Outdoor Friends)</b>
<b>Position</b>	Front-Line Support Worker



<b>Description</b>	ROOF is always in need of volunteers to work with homeless youth in the areas of drop-ins, crisis support, food hampers and recreation
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://www.volunteerkw.ca/report.php?ListType=Volunteer%20Positions&amp;ID=18201&amp;MenuitemID=20">http://www.volunteerkw.ca/report.php?ListType=Volunteer Positions&amp;ID=18201&amp;MenuitemID=20</a>

<b>Organization</b>	<b>The Working Centre</b>
<b>Position</b>	Speak English Café Volunteer
<b>Description</b>	Consider making a difference in your community by volunteering to support the programs at the Wilmot Family Resource Centre. See below for examples of opportunities.
<b>Contact</b>	Julia at <a href="mailto:juliab@theworkingcentre.org">juliab@theworkingcentre.org</a>
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://www.theworkingcentre.org/speak-english-cafe/7665-speak-english-cafe-looking-volunteers">http://www.theworkingcentre.org/speak-english-cafe/7665-speak-english-cafe-looking-volunteers</a>  More volunteer opportunities at The Working Centre: <a href="http://www.theworkingcentre.org/volunteer/83">http://www.theworkingcentre.org/volunteer/83</a>

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Wilmot Family Resource Centre</b>
<b>Position</b>	Various positions
<b>Description</b>	Consider making a difference in your community by volunteering to support the programs at the Wilmot Family Resource Centre. See below for examples of opportunities.
<b>Contact</b>	(519) 662-2731
<b>Source</b>	<a href="http://www.wilmotfamilyresourcecentre.ca/index_files/volunteer.htm">http://www.wilmotfamilyresourcecentre.ca/index_files/volunteer.htm</a>

### Don't see a volunteer position for you?

Visit the Volunteer Action Centre's website at <http://www.volunteerkw.ca/> to see current volunteer opportunities. Need more assistance? You can also make an appointment with volunteer matcher extraordinaire Dianne Boston-Nyp by phone at 519-742-8610 ext. 3206 or by email at [dianne@volunteerkw.ca](mailto:dianne@volunteerkw.ca)