



Dear Ancaster Neighbour,

The holiday season is fast approaching and Ancaster Community Services (ACS) is running our annual Holiday Assistance Program. In the coming weeks as your team prepares for the holiday season, **we ask you to consider supporting the work of ACS in order to help families in need within our Ancaster Community.**

Last year, ACS was able to provide assistance to 97 families, impacting 139 children, which ensured gifts under the tree and food on the table over the holidays. This year, we are anticipating 100 families to register for the Holiday Assistance Program and we are again relying on donations to make this program a success.

Get your team involved by collecting gifts, toys, grocery/retail gift cards, or monetary donations. If you have any questions about how you can contribute, feel free to contact the ACS office at (905) 648-6675.

ACS depends heavily on charitable donations year round in order to continue to provide essential services to families who experience social and financial challenges. This is why we ask you to remember ACS this season to allow our Holiday Assistance Program to reach families in need.

Thank you for considering your Ancaster neighbours who are in need this holiday season. It is through community members like you that make our services possible!

Wishing you a Joyful Holiday & Happy New Year,

Melanie Barlow,
Executive Director



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How YOU can donate to make a difference and contribute to the Holiday Assistance Program:

- New, unwrapped gifts such as board games, gift cards, or movie passes (ages 13-17)
- Hobby, leisure and comfort items such as DVDs, books, slippers, pajamas, and robes
- New, unwrapped toys, gifts, and clothing (for children ages 1 month – 17 yrs old)
- New kitchen items such as pots, pans, dishes, cutlery, blenders, and hand mixers
 - New linens such as sheet sets, blankets, pillows, and towels
 - Winter clothing & outerwear for all ages
 - Non-perishable food donations

Donation items (i.e. toys & gifts) for the Holiday Assistance Program can be dropped off at the ACS office, located at 300 Wilson Street East, anytime between 9am-4pm until **December 16th**. Please bring in any original purchase receipts for tax receipting purposes (gift cards included).

Food and monetary donations are also significantly needed throughout the year to help keep our programs running. These programs include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Food Assistance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meals on Wheels • Frozen Meals • Assisted Volunteer Driving | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Shopping & Events Bus • Confidential Counseling and Referral | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Babysitting Courses and Youth Employment Services • Tourism & Community Information |
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With your help we can lend a helping hand to local families in need!

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