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Dear Ancaster Minor Hockey League,,

The holidays are fast approaching. You can feel the excitement in the air with the anticipation of good food, good cheer and children excitedly opening their gifts! It may be getting cold outside, but thanks to the Ancaster Community Services’ Christmas Assistance program, families in need have the hope of a warm and joyous holiday.

We are asking your organization for help to support the ACS Christmas Assistance Program. The many team members and families have the ability to make a significant impact on families in need right here in Ancaster. Food and toy drives, sponsoring families by picking up an ornament from our Giving Tree and monetary donations to purchase gift cards are just a few ways you can help. Please contact our office at 905-648-6675 or email knorris@hpl.ca to discuss how your organization/team can be involved in helping those less fortunate this holiday season.

ACS provides several vital services to families and individuals in our community, including our Food Assistance programs, Volunteer Driving and Community Bus, Meals on Wheels our Christmas Assistance program and more. ACS supported 87 local families including over 130 children through the festive season last year with our Christmas Assistance Program. Thanks to donations from our generous community these local families had food on the table and gifts under the tree for their children. We are anticipating over 100 family registrations for our Christmas Assistance program this year. This is more than a 50% increase since 2013!

Our work has a powerful impact year round, not only on the people that we assist, but also on the larger community as a whole. We rely heavily on charitable donations in order to be able to continue to provide these services to families experiencing social and financial challenges. That is why we ask for your support with our Christmas Assistance program this season. The community awareness and involvement that your organization can create on behalf of Ancaster Community Services will directly impact local families in our community at Christmas time. It’s people like you who have the potential to make a difference.

Wishing you a joyous holiday season,

Melanie Barlow

Executive Director