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“Christmas Cheer gives me a little extra help at Christmas. I’m grateful for everything they do . . . the hampers have made my Christmas that much more enjoyable. It has meant a lot to me.”

- Christmas Cheer recipient

Dear Faithful Donor:

Feedback like this is the reason so many of us come back year after year to make Christmas come true for Barrie and area families in need.

Many people ask us who we help at Christmas. *People who need it* is the answer; people who are holding down full-time jobs but living below the poverty line, people who have lost jobs, people who are going to school and having a hard time making ends meet, people who are unable to work because of illness or disability, people who are going through a tough time in their lives. If the circumstances were different, this might be us, or someone we love.

Food, toys for children, gift certificates for teenagers, turkeys, fresh fruit and vegetables . . . gifts given by the community to the community. Once again, we ask you to participate in this effort, the 32nd annual Christmas Cheer campaign. Our goal this year is to raise \$207,000, enough to help over 5,000 people in our community.

You may choose to give a donation to Christmas Cheer as a gift to someone else. We have gift cards for this purpose. Or you may want to support a Christmas Cheer family through a work group or as a family. The costs are:

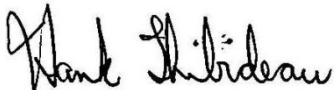
- \$325: supports an entire family
- \$140: buys gift certificates for two teenagers
- \$ 50: buys five food vouchers
- \$ ___ any amount will help us to help those who don’t have much

We also need volunteers during the toy sorting and hamper packing days before Christmas. Dates and times can be found on our website at www.christmascheerbarrie.com . For your convenience, you can also donate online.

As the Christmas season draws closer and we begin preparing for another incredible year, we are confident that the whole community will make this a very special Christmas for all those in need.

“Because everyone deserves to have a Christmas.”

Sincerely,



Hank Thibideau
President