



The Children's Aid Society

of the District of Thunder Bay

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On behalf of the Children's Aid Society of the District of Thunder Bay and the families and children we work with, please accept our sincere gratitude for participating in our 2015 Christmas Hamper Program. Your generosity and caring spirit touched the hearts of all involved, especially the grateful recipient families.

Our staff and volunteers who delivered the hampers returned with some wonderful observations and comments from the youth and families. We share these comments with you by attaching them. Once again, thank you for your generous sponsorship. Please visit our website at www.thunderbaycas.ca where we have recognized the generosity of our Christmas Program supporters.

Sincerely,

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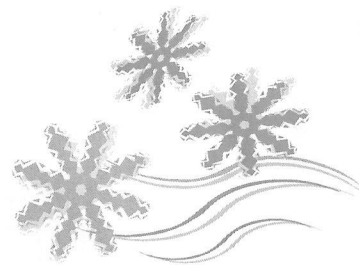
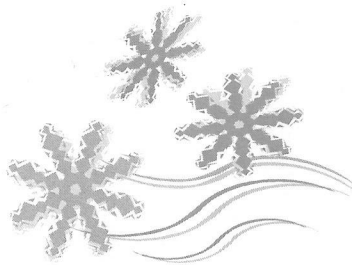
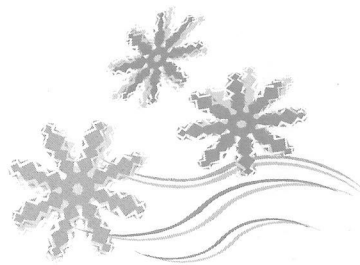
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In Appreciation from Our Families and Youth

Our staff and volunteer drivers share their experiences delivering your Christmas Hampers

A young boy wished the volunteer drivers a "Merry Shismhash" as they were leaving his home.

The mom answered the door with her baby in her arms, and was completely overwhelmed with all the food and wrapped presents that were being delivered to her and her child.

Volunteer told the hamper sponsor that "this young man was so appreciative of his hamper" and "It was wonderful for me to meet him and give him these gifts."

Youth was happy to see her clothes drying rack she had asked for and she was very thankful for all of the gifts she received.

Young mother was extremely grateful. She lost her father this year and wasn't sure if she would be celebrating Christmas. She gave the volunteers a big hug and wished them a "Merry Christmas".

Mom was so grateful to receive the gift card so that she could purchase groceries for the holidays.

Mom was so happy with her hamper. She wrote a note to her sponsor to thank them and gave it to the volunteers to pass on.

Parent was so grateful to receive a crib for her baby. "This is so amazing, that someone I don't know would buy this for my child; please tell them thank you."

Dad was thrilled to see hockey sticks for his children. "They are going to be so pumped to receive these on Christmas Day."

Grandma looked very surprised to see the volunteers on her door step with the hamper for her and her grandchildren. She was very appreciative.

The youth immediately put his presents around his little table top tree and started going through all of the donated household items. "This is awesome," he exclaimed.

The father was so surprised to see all of the boxes filled with items for his children. The children were bouncing up and down and dad was trying to distract them so they could not sneak into any of the gifts.

Mom was crying after we delivered the last box into the house. Mom asked us to tell the sponsors who "gave her family a Christmas", that she is very thankful for everything!

Young children were eating supper at the table while the volunteers were hand the gift bags to mom. The children were excited, asking mom, "Who is that?" "What are they giving you?"

Mom was so thrilled to see the boxes of food and the gift cards for food. She said, "With the kids off for Christmas holidays this is going to help so much."

Children were home on a "snow day." Mom asked them to go to their rooms for a few minutes. Mom was a little panicked as to where to store all the gifts to hide from her children until Christmas. Mom was so happy.

Parents said to the volunteers "This will be the best Christmas ever, Merry Christmas!"



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December 16, 2015

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Greetings:

The Board and Staff of Beendigen Inc. would like to send our heartfelt thanks for the generous donation of **gift cards, clothing, dishware and cosmetics** that you have made to our organization on December 16, 2015.

It is people like you that make a huge difference to our Crisis Home clients' lives!
Again, thank you.

Sincerely,

Beendigen Inc. Board and Staff

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