

FCSS CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROJECT

The Provost & District FCSS Christmas Hamper Project is funded solely by the community and businesses within the MD of Provost #52. Provost & District FCSS manages the funds in a separate bank account for this project. Organizations, such as but not limited to, the Provost Medical Clinic, Schools, AHS, Provost & District Ministerial or FCSS can refer a family, person or senior who lives within the MD of Provost, to receive a hamper that they feel needs a hand up at Christmas. These referrals are kept confidential.



SELF REFERRALS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.

Three angels are prepared for each child with the parents' choice of store in Provost in the value of \$20 and placed at local businesses. This will allow the parents to shop for their own children. For example: \$20 gift certificate at Brown's Variety (in the end parents will have \$60.00 to purchase a gift/child)

The purchased gift cards or adult gifts can be left at Brown's Variety, Larson's Hardware, E. Anderson Agencies or FCSS. *All gifts must be returned to one of these locations by November 23, 2021, as all recipients will have their hampers on November 30, 2021.*

Food Gift cards are purchased at the local grocery and meat stores in the MD and given with the gift cards to the corresponding families. Food Gift Cards can also be donated by dropping them off at FCSS.

FCSS prepares between 32-73 hampers per year with anywhere from 112 to 194 people. Last year the community stepped up with great cash donations and donation of gift cards, we appreciated this, as previous years we have had a deficit on the projects due to our economy. We do have a cushion to offset the deficit but that is dwindling down. Our deficit has been between \$3,200.00 and \$11,400.00. The program total expense varies depending on the amount of families referred and amount of donations we receive. If there are not enough donations then purchases will need to be made. The cost of the hampers is between \$14,800.00 – \$20,200.00 each year! Due to the high deficit in the project we have decided to have a base amount for the food gift certificates for 1-2 people/family and an additional amount per person over 2 people to a maximum total per family.

Monetary donations are welcome, cheques can be made payable to the Town of Provost. Please mark 'Christmas Hamper Project' in the memo. A tax receipt will be mailed to you.

These donations can be dropped at the Town Office or

Provost & District FCSS office at 5419-44st in the Provost Provincial Building.

To be clear the FCSS Christmas Hamper will NOT be accepting gifts for children, only gift cards and cash donations.

Contact Carrie Olson at 780 753-2288 for more information.

