

Community Information & Volunteer Centre

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Sponsor a Family this Christmas

You and your family could make a significant difference to another family this Christmas!

Kelowna Community Resources has coordinated a Christmas Sponsorship Program for the past 8 years.

“Christmas time can be a stressful time for many families who are working hard but just getting by,” says program coordinator Bev Colbow. “We also know that there are many people in our community who have a desire to bless people with Christmas spirit. What we’ve done is bring these two together.”

Families are screened and working with community agencies to improve their family quality of life.

Each sponsor receives a family profile that includes a variety of demographics such as single parents or two parent families with young children or teens. Family sizes also vary.

Sponsorship means that you would purchase gift cards for groceries and then personalized gifts. Wish lists are prepared for each family. You can select a full or partial sponsorship.

Gift cards and wrapped presents are delivered to Kelowna Community Resources to ensure confidentiality. KCR arranges for delivery of the parcels in time for Christmas.

“It brought tears to my eyes to know that even though you do not know us, you wanted to make it possible for me and my children to have a good Christmas”, expressed a thankful Mom.

“Watching the kids’ faces as they opened their gifts was priceless and meant so much to us”, wrote another family. “Please know that one day, we will carry it forward with our own generosity.”

All year long, you can volunteer as a Family Friend and provide practical and emotional support to a single parent who is feeling alone due to the stresses of parenting young children.

For more information about sponsoring a family at Christmas or volunteering for The Family Friend Program, please phone 250-763-8008 (ext36) or email bev@kcr.ca.

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