

Community Information & Volunteer Centre

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Make Your Christmas More Meaningful by Getting Involved

No one should spend Christmas alone! That vision is the reason behind the annual Christmas Day dinner at Parkinson Recreation Centre.

You can make your own Christmas even more meaningful by getting involved this year.

Planning is fully underway and lots of people will be needed to ensure that setup, take down and everything in between run smoothly.

You can spend some time on Christmas Eve Day, December 24th, in the afternoon. You can use your flare at decorating the room and tables. There are gifts to wrap and gift bags to stuff with food.

The Christmas Day dinner will be served between 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 25th at Parkinson Recreation Centre, 1800 Parkinson Way in Kelowna.

Are you a cook? Do you enjoy making people feel welcome as you meet, greet and mingle? If you have a servant's heart, there are lots of plates to fill!

If you have First Aid training, there is a role for you and volunteers are also needed for security purposes to help keep everyone safe.

After everyone's tummies are full and the gifts have been opened, it will be time to clean up. Many willing hands will be needed to pitch in and straighten up.

Maybe your time is limited and you would rather donate non-perishable food, door prizes or money. You can drop off your donation at Victory Life Fellowship, 1635 Bertram Street, and online giving is also possible at www.victorylifefellowship.net.

If this Christmas Day Dinner is not the right 'fit' for you, check out other local nonprofit organizations at kcr.ca, 'Community Information Search' or look through our 'Volunteer Opportunities Search'.

Our 2012 Holiday Events Guide is on the kcr.ca website as well and it lists free and low cost activities being held throughout the Central Okanagan between now and the New Year.

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