**Christmas 2023 at the Nicola Valley Food Bank**

Christmas is just around the corner and the Nicola Valley Food Bank is preparing to provide Christmas breakfast, dinner and snacks.

It takes a lot of preparation from volunteers to ensure that everyone who applies for a Christmas Hamper receives one. We ask that you return your completed application to the foodbank prior to November 16, 2023. For those of you with children and would like to be matched with a community sponsor, please return your application as soon as possible. As much as we would love to be able to find sponsors for all our families, this may not be possible. Please be assured we are doing our best.

Toys for the children will be as it was last year. Please indicate what your child(ren) would like as we try to match as best we can.

Please note: As hygiene products are now given out year round, they will not be included in Christmas Hampers.

The pickup location will be at the Merritt Legion. Toy pick up will be the week of Dec 11, 2023 and Hamper pick up will be the week of Dec 21, 23. Further details will follow, please follow us on our facebook page.

The process of Christmas hampers will be different from past years. We ask for your patience as we guide our way through to provide you with some of the makings of a nice Christmas holiday season.

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