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County of Simcoe Paramedic Services Toy Drive Update – Week Five

Midhurst/December 10, 2021 – County of Simcoe Paramedic Services kicked off the 19th annual Toy Drive on November 12, 2021, so far collecting 1,705 toys, more than 2,130 lbs of food and more than \$11,250 in cash and gift cards.

The Toy Drive was bolstered by two significant donations from a local family and business. Special thanks to the Mathias family, who over the course of the year purchased 594 toys, saving them in their living room until the day they could make their donation. Another huge thank you to Liahona Capital in Barrie for their extremely generous donation of \$2,500 in gift cards. These contributions will go a long way to helping many children and families in need in having a happy holiday season.

Reminder that donations, along with new, unwrapped toys and food will be accepted at various locations across Simcoe County. Visit [simcoe.ca/toydrive](https://www.simcoe.ca/toydrive) to learn more.

Paramedics continue to encourage residents to consider donating virtually by visiting <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/simcoe-county-paramedic-association/>.

Over the next week, Paramedics will be collecting donations at the following locations (*following all safety guidelines and protocols*):

December 11, 2021

Craighurst Foodland - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Toys R Us Barrie North - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Walmart Barrie South - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Walmart Barrie North - 4 to 9 p.m.

December 12, 2021

Anten Mills Santa Claus Parade - 1 to 2 p.m.
Orillia Walmart - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Toys R Us Barrie North - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Walmart Barrie South - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Walmart Barrie North - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Donations can be also made at the County of Simcoe Administration Centre, 1110 Highway 26 in Midhurst between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and at all County of Simcoe Paramedic Services stations, where outdoor drop boxes are now available (please do not leave monetary donations in drop boxes – only non-perishable food items and new, unwrapped toys).

COUNTY OF SIMCOE PARAMEDIC STATIONS:

- **Alliston** - 6933 Industrial Parkway
- **Angus** - 1 Tree Top Street
- **Barrie Simcoe Emergency Services Campus** - 110 Fairview Drive
- **Barrie North** - 667 Bayfield Street
- **Barrie Tiffin** - 113 Tiffin Street
- **Beeton** - 51 Main Street East
- **Bradford** - 170 Artesian Industrial Parkway, Units 6 & 7
- **Coldwater** - 1 Firehall Lane
- **Collingwood** - 169 St. Paul Street
- **Craighurst** - 2298 Horseshoe Valley Road, Oro-Medonte
- **Elmvale** - 17 Allenwood Road
- **Midland** - 395 Cranston Crescent
- **Orillia** - 68 West Street
- **Penetanguishene** - 10 Robert Street West
- **Stayner** - 6993 Highway 26

- **Stroud** - 2394 Victoria Street West
- **Wasaga Beach** - 23 Oxbow Park Road
- **Washago** - 401 Anchor Drive, Severn

In addition to the above, many locations across the County will also be accepting donations and pop-up collection points may be in a community near you.

This includes:

- **Township of Clearview Administration Centre** - 217 Gideon Street, Stayner
- **Simcoe Manor** - 5988 Main Street, Beeton
- **Christmas Villager** - 10 Coldwater Road, Coldwater
- **Bradford West-Gwillimbury Library** - 425 Holland Street West, Bradford
- **County of Simcoe Museum** - 1151 Highway 26, Midhurst

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