



# AFHP PROGRAM

## ADOPT-A-FAMILY HAMPER PROGRAM

KELOWNA & DISTRICT SHARE SOCIETY



### WHAT IS THE PROGRAM ABOUT?

Kelowna & District S.H.A.R.E. Society is a non-sectarian, local charity that offers a variety of programs to those in the community experiencing financial hardship. Working in partnership with community sponsors, our AFHP provides baskets of food and gifts to families and individuals who find themselves in need of assistance over the holidays; 'Stocking Trees', laden with gift cards and hand warmers, are delivered to organizations working with the homeless community; and, in an effort to teach the joy of giving, children in the family are invited to come in and select a free gift for their parent(s).

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

- S.H.A.R.E. Society begins recruiting sponsors and donors for the program as early as September; and, because volunteers are an integral component of program delivery, they are also engaged at this time.
- Participant applications to the program are invited in October and November. All applicants must be able to provide ID, proof of income (Notice of Assessment) and proof of residency, with eligibility for the program being based on the current Government of Canada Low Income Cut-off levels.

(CONTD. ON NEXT PAGE)





### **HOW DOES IT WORK? (CONTD.)**

- In-person interviews are scheduled to confirm eligibility and to discuss food preferences and gift ideas, which are then forwarded to sponsors. An important feature of the program is the family and children's letters to their sponsors. Through this type of communication, sponsors get to know who they are supporting and can more easily personalize their hamper to them. Children's gift selection for parent(s) can be scheduled on the day of the interview or on a separate day.
- Sponsors are paired with their families/individuals before the first weekend of December, giving them sufficient time to build their hamper. Hamper delivery is arranged for a time that is mutually convenient for both sponsor and recipient. Because S.H.A.R.E. receives last-minute applications and supports the homeless community, cash donations are always welcome! Every dollar donated goes to support someone in need.

### **HOW TO APPLY:**

Three ways to get in touch with us:

1. Call us at 250-763-8117
2. Email us at [hampers@kelownasharesociety.ca](mailto:hampers@kelownasharesociety.ca)
3. Apply through the website:  
<https://www.kelownasharesociety.ca>

