

Burnaby Community Services





BURNABY CHRISTMAS BUREAU The Toy Room is OPEN!

The Toy Room is located in **The Amazing Brentwood Town Centre** (Main Level, Old American Eagle Store, Entrance off Willingdon Avenue)

TOY ROOM REGISTRATION HOURS:

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

MONDAY - FRIDAY 10:00AM - 4:00PM SATURDAY 10:00AM - 3:00PM

A Christmas Bureau donor and the giving message she passed to her children

"My first memories of Christmas in Canada were gifts under the tree even though times were tough. It wasn't until years later that I found out these gifts came to us through the Christmas Bureau in our community. When I started a family, all of those wonderful memories flooded back and we made sure that once our children were old enough to understand, they learned the importance of giving.

Each year, my children bought and donated toys from money they had saved and we matched the total with a monetary donation. We look forward to this tradition of giving each year and even though our children are adults, they continue to give to this day.

This is why, as a family, we choose to support the Burnaby Christmas Bureau. The true meaning of Christmas is that giving is much better than receiving and we hope to pass along this tradition to others."

HOW TO HELP

 Bring a new, unwrapped toy or gift to the Toy Room.

Your donations will be provided to children of low income families.

 Be a sponsor by providing gifts, necessities, and food to low income families and seniors.

DONATE

Donate in one of the following ways so we can help those in need during the Christmas season:

- 1. Go online: www.BbyServices.ca/Donate
- 2. Write a cheque to
 "Burnaby Community Services"
 and mail it to:
 2055 Rosser Avenue
 Burnaby, BC, V5C 0H1
- 3. Give us a call at (604) 299-5778





2021 UPDATES







BURNABY'S FIRST ID BANK



Our newly launched program is for individuals in our community who require assistance in obtaining essential identification. We advocate for people who have complex barriers in attaining ID and we ensure that cost is not an issue. Without ID, basics such as applying for a job, getting a meal at a Food Bank, and other necessities are not possible. We store foundation documents, such as birth certificates or immigration papers, that can then be used to obtain every day identification so lost ID can be replaced with ease. For more details, contact:

Jesse@bbyservices.ca or (778) 714-5252.

SENIOR PEER SUPPORT – REBOOTED FOR 2021!



We are thrilled to announce our revised, expanded, online training for our newest set of Senior Peer Support Volunteers. These highly trained volunteers will be graduating soon and will provide one-on-one support and guidance to fellow Burnaby seniors. These seniors are seeking help with life transitions and situational or emotional unrest. Their personal circumstances may be due to a variety of life challenges such as health concerns, social isolation, anxiety, loss of a loved one, or relocation. For more details about our Seniors Programs, contact:

SeniorSupport@bbyseniors.ca or (604) 291-2258.

MEALS DELIVERED TO SENIORS - THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS



During the pandemic, Burnaby Meals on Wheels has continued delivering meals to those in need in Burnaby. We would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to our more than 50 incredible and dedicated volunteers! We believe in inclusion and diversity. We have recently welcomed back our volunteers from posAbilities, L'Arche and BACI. Through these local partnerships we give adults of all abilities the opportunity to help contribute and give back to their community. For more details about our meal delivery program, contact Kim at:



Kim@burnabymeals.ca or (604) 299-5754.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Coldest Night of the Year

Our annual event will be held virtually on **February 26, 2022.** This family-friendly walk raises money for those who are hungry, homeless and hurting in our community.

See website for more details: www.cnoy.org/location/burnaby

Come walk with us... virtually or with your team! Become a sponsor. Create a team and fundraise. Printing of this newsletter has been generously donated by Hemlock Printers.



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