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500 Admirals Rd, Victoria, BC V9A 2N4

November 2021

Mayor Desjardins

Municipal Hall (main reception)

1229 Esquimalt Road, Esquimalt, BC

V9A 3P1

Dear Major Desjardins

The season for giving thanks and sharing warmth, happiness and presents is quickly approaching.

This year we are planning, with your help, to provide "Gifts" to our Guests at our two upcoming Holiday Meals in addition to Breakfast & Lunch. We are hoping, with your support, to be able to provide them with some little (perhaps practical) items, (a quantity of approx 200 will ensure each guest receives the same gift) or any other creative suggestions we will willingly accept! Any financial assistance you can provide will be truly appreciated and put towards these special packages which we will be handing out on October 11 and Dec 24th 2021, at Rainbow Kitchen.

Here are some of our first suggestions, please feel inspired to contribute however you wish!

The ratio of our guests are as follows 120 males, 100 females and 30 children aged between 1 and 10.

Kindly note that we place these items on our tables at the Rainbow Kitchen Market and guests take what they need. Our guests are not greedy and only take what they need.

Tax Receipts are issued once we have been passed the information on to our volunteer bookkeeper.

1. Assist with supporting our Holiday Meals.
 - a. Each meal costs \$3.00 per guest x 250 x 2 meals = \$1,500
2. Warm socks
 1. Toys, colouring books and crayons, books and sweets.
 2. Hygiene products such as deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, combs, female sanitary products, toilet paper.
3. Warm hats & Scarves

4. Small flashlights,
5. Canned goods
6. Chocolate and sweets
7. Tins of Coffee, packets of tea
8. Gift cards to places like Tim Hortons, McDonalds, etc.,
9. The purchase of reusable tote bags in which guests will have their Christmas gifts in.

Guests can use these bags when they come to Rainbow Kitchen to collect the produce and meals. The total cost is \$636

10. Folding umbrellas. Our winters in Victoria bring us plenty of rain, and to keep our guests dry we are going to give them a folding umbrellas For a total cost of \$117.35

11. The winter is cold and damp and an extra blanket will help to keep them warmer, especially as many of our guests are in poverty, or are homeless. To keep our guests a little warmer we need \$2,443.35

You can also donate directly, online at <https://rainbowkitchen.ca/donate-to-rainbow>

I would be honoured to show you around the Rainbow Kitchen and the work we are doing during these challenging times for our community. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me by phone, email or in person. Thank you for your consideration, and helping make our Holiday Season a little brighter and warmer for some very deserving members of our community.

Sincerely Submitted,

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