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Local service clubs work together on Christmas Hamper Program

Once again this year, Shelburne service clubs have joined forces to help those in need in our community through the Christmas hamper program. Chair Bobbi Ferguson, from the Rotary Club, is working hard to get donations. She says, ?The Christmas hamper program is a very important project of the Shelburne service clubs ? it is especially critical to help those in need in our community at this time of year ? we want to make Christmas special for everyone.?

Schools, churches, businesses, and community groups such as the Brownies are participating in the collection of items for the hampers. Besides the schools, collection locations confirmed to date include the Shelburne Arena, Royal Bank, Wool & Silk, Turn it Out Dance Studio, and the Compass Church. You can drop off items for donation at participating locations at any time, or at the Mel Lloyd Centre Community Meeting Room from December 14 to 18. The Primrose Elementary School Me to We group has generously offered to help pack the hampers.

Through the hard work of the committee, a number of food and personal items, including turkeys, squash, cranberries, potatoes, shampoo and conditioner, body wash and toothpaste and toothbrushes have already been fully sponsored for the Christmas hampers. While non-perishable food is always welcome, please consider donating toys that will then be available for pick up in Shelburne by those in need, as well as the following: wrapping paper, cards, gift bags, seasonal decorations, mitts, hats, socks, and personal care items - anything that you would buy to make your own seasonal celebration special is appropriate for the hamper program.

Not surprisingly, cash is very much appreciated, as it enables the committee to buy whatever it needs to supplement donations ? if you wish to make a cash donation, please contact Bobbi Ferguson at 519 278-4578.

If you would like to apply for assistance from the Christmas hamper program, phone 226 200-0235 or e-mail shelburnechristmashampers@gmail.com. Registration dates are November 25 and 26 and December 2 and 3.