

2017 Richmond Christmas Fund REGISTRATION INFORMATION



About the Christmas Fund

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Please note that the Christmas Fund is **not** a government program, and is supported almost entirely by donations from the community. The program exists thanks to the incredible generosity of our donors and volunteers.



What Will I Receive?

The Christmas Fund provides eligible individuals and families with grocery gift certificates: **one per family member, up to a maximum of four per household (while daily supplies last)**. Families with children 12 & under may also choose gifts for their children from our Toy Room. Teenagers aged 13 to 17 receive gift cards.



2017 Registration and Toy Pick-Up Dates

Saturday, November 25, 9:00am—1:00pm

Saturday, December 2, 9:00am—1:00pm

Saturday, December 9, 9:00am—1:00pm

Saturday, December 16, 9:00am—1:00pm

Important: To allow enough time to complete the registration process, please arrive at least **two hours** before registration ends.

Christmas Fund registration is held at **the Richmond Caring Place, 7000 Minoru Boulevard**. The building opens at **8:00am**.

- Please be ready to bring toys home with you on the **same day** you register.
- We also ask that you arrange for child care, as children **will not** be allowed in the Toy Room.
- After taking your toys from the Toy Room, you **will not** be allowed to come back at a later time to exchange toys or to pick up toys left over by accident.

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What Do I Need To Bring?

All applicants must bring the following:

- Picture ID for yourself
- CareCards for all family members being registered
- Proof of Richmond residency, such as a hydro bill, rent receipt, driver's license, BCID, or BC Services Card
- An original document that proves you are currently enrolled in **at least one** of the following government income assistance programs:
 - ◆ BC Child Care Subsidy
 - ◆ BC Disability Assistance
 - ◆ BC Employment and Assistance
 - ◆ BC Housing Rental Assistance Program
 - ◆ Canada Child Benefit
 - ◆ Guaranteed Income Supplement
 - ◆ Regular or Temporary MSP Premium Assistance
 - ◆ Shelter AID for Elderly Renters

To make registration faster and easier, please bring as many proof-of-eligibility documents as you have available.

You will not qualify without the required documentation.



Questions? Ask Before You Come!

If you have any questions about your eligibility for the Christmas Fund, or the required documentation, please contact us **before** coming to register. We don't want you to wait in line, only to find that you're missing a document, and thus can't complete the registration process.

We can be reached at **604-279-7035** or **christmasfund@rcrg.org**.



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