

Sponsor a Senior



Connect with a Senior through MCSS and deliver the Christmas Hamper in person.

You can extend the Holiday Cheer through the following steps:

- Review our Sponsorship Guidelines and FAQs
- Apply to be matched: Fill out the Sponsor Application Form online. Or, if you prefer, download the PDF file and send it by e-mail to the MCSS Christmas Bureau- cbwc@missionmcss.com. Expect a confirmation call or e-mail, from us stating that we have received your application. Contact us (604-826-3634) if you have not received a confirmation within one week. Please note, deadline for the Sponsor Applications is October 25th 2024.
- Receive a match: We will contact you again to match you with a senior and share their contact information
- Call your match: Download the Shopping List and call your senior ASAP to let them know that you are their sponsor. Clarify dietary restrictions/preferences and set delivery date. Record the answers in the space provided on the Shopping List. Please let us know if you are having any trouble contacting your matched senior.
- Shop and Deliver: Shop as per your convenience and deliver the food hamper and gifts on the pre-arranged date and enjoy meeting your senior!
- If you have a heartwarming story to share, we would love to hear it!

Estimated Budget for Sponsorship for Seniors: \$200 to 400 (including food and gifts)

Frequently Asked Questions

I am matched with a senior but cannot get a hold of them by phone. What should I do?

If you haven't been able to get a hold of your sponsored family within two weeks, or by the second week of December, please contact the Christmas Bureau

Do I have to purchase everything on the shopping list?

The shopping lists are a predetermined minimum for a traditional allotment for a holiday experience on Christmas. We encourage sponsors to stay within the guidelines, and if there is room in the budget for more, we ask that the generosity be shared to others waiting to be matched.

Can I wrap the gifts?

If you do not intend to request a charitable tax receipt, you may wrap the gifts but please provide a list of the gifts to the parents so they know what their children will be receiving. All gifts must be new please! If you intend to request a charitable tax receipt, gifts cannot be wrapped. The entire package must be brought to the Christmas Bureau/Food Center for determination of value and issuance of receipt (see details below).

Can I receive a charitable Gift-in-Kind (GIK) tax receipt for the items I've purchased for my sponsored senior?

The items must be received by Christmas Bureau staff, to remain CRA compliant, the Christmas Bureau program must be the ones to deliver the food and gifts to the senior. The items will then be held for the matched senior at the Christmas Bureau office. A charitable Gift in Kind (GIK) Tax Receipt will be issued once items are verified. For more information, please contact the Christmas Bureau: cbwc@missionmcss.com or 604-826-3634.

My group sponsored a Family or Senior, can we receive a Gift-In-Kind (GIK) receipt for the portion we gave?

The minimum value for tax receipt eligibility is \$20. You are able to receive a GIK tax receipt if your portion amounts to a value greater than \$20.

