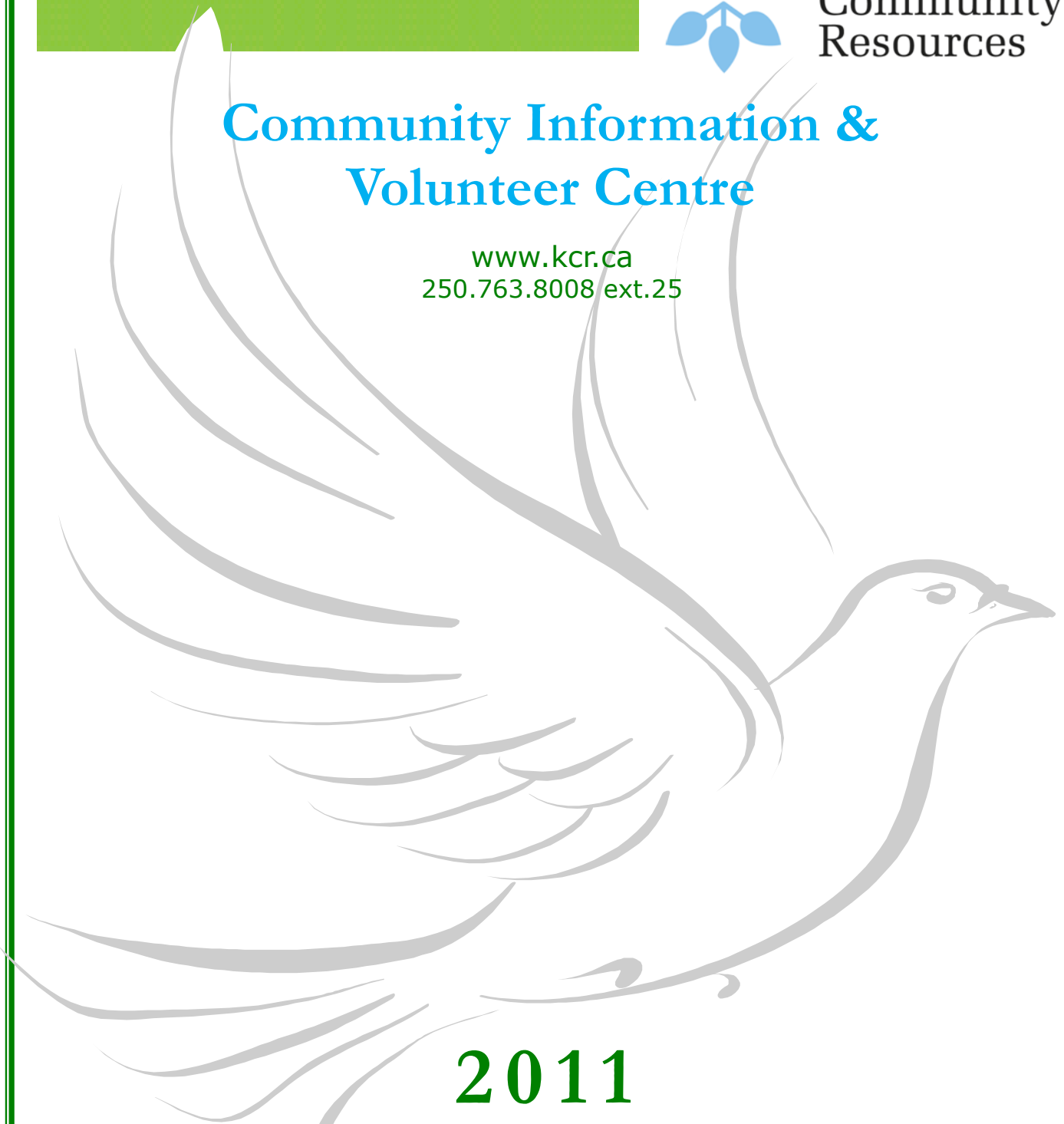




Kelowna
Community
Resources

Community Information & Volunteer Centre

www.kcr.ca
250.763.8008 ext.25



2011
HOLIDAY EVENTS GUIDE

DINNERS

HOUSES OF MERCY KELOWNA CHRISTIAN CENTRE, 905 BADKE RD
COMMUNITY OUTREACH BANQUET, *Wed, Dec. 14th, 6pm.* Upon invitation (homeless people, singles and children). Gifts for children are also made available. To register, please call 250.762.9559.

KI-LOW-NA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY 442 LEON AVE

- **ELDER'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**—*Thu, Dec. 15th, 12noon-3pm.* Must register through Elder Care Coordinator, Arlene Vrtar-Hout, 250.763.4905 ext. 214.
- **FEED THE PEOPLE** —*Sat, Dec. 24th, 11am-3pm.* No registration required, open to everyone.

KELOWNA'S GOSPEL MISSION 259B LEON AVE

CHRISTMAS DINNER—*Sat, Dec. 17th, 12noon-5pm.* Everyone in need is invited. A homemade traditional Christmas meal featuring turkey, ham, potatoes, stuffing, along with dessert. Please call 250.763.3737 for more info.

CHRISTMAS DINNER PARKINSON REC CENTRE, 1800 PARKINSON WAY

Victory Life Fellowship, in partnership with The Salvation Army, is hosting their annual COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER on *Sun, Dec. 25th, 5-7pm.* Door prizes, a gift for every guest, food gift bags. FREE. No registration required, open to everyone on a first come-first served basis. Bus rides available after the event to specific locations.



FIRST UNITED CHURCH 721 BERNARD AVE

NEW YEAR'S DAY DINNER, *Sun, Jan. 1st.* Doors open at 5pm for hot cider; dinner served at 5:30pm. FREE tickets are available after Nov. 25th, at Kelowna's Gospel Mission, Inn from the Cold, Global (Kelowna Career Resources) or First United Church after. Menu of turkey, ham, beef and all the trimmings. Games, door prizes, carol singing. For info, 250.762.3311.



HAMPERS

KELOWNA AND DISTRICT SHARE SOCIETY 581 GASTON AVE
Nov. 1st appointments for hampers begins. Call Terry at 250.763.8117 for additional information.

THE SALVATION ARMY 1480 SUTHERLAND AVE

REGISTRATION: *Mon, Nov. 21st to Fri, Nov. 25th, 9:30am-1:30pm.*

For families with children 18 and under still living at home, gifts provided for ages 16 and under; to register please bring 2 pc. ID (Care Card/Birth Cert/SIN) for each adult; 1 pc. for each child; proof of residence (rent receipt or hydro bill), and proof of income (pay stub, income tax summary). For more info about Christmas Hamper applications, please call 250.765.3450 or visit www.kelownasalvationarmy.ca.



KELOWNA COMMUNITY FOOD BANK 1265 ELLIS ST

Register in person for Christmas food and gift hampers before *Fri, Dec. 9th at 4 pm* by phoning 250.763.7161. Choice of either regular hamper or Christmas hamper not both. Regular hampers distributed *Dec. 1st-16th*; regular requirements apply. Christmas hamper pick-up *Dec. 21st, 22nd & 23rd*, each day from *9am-3pm.* *Dec. 21st*, for last names starting with A-G. *Dec. 22nd* for last names starting with H-O. *Dec. 23rd* for last names starting with P-Z.

WESTSIDE COMMUNITY FOODBANK 2545 CHURCHILL RD

Pre-registration required. Interviews will be held *Mon, Dec. 12th.* Hampers distributed *Dec. 13th-17th.* For details about registration, call Faith at 250.768.1559.

HOUSES OF MERCY KELOWNA CHRISTIAN CENTRE, 905 Badke Rd, 250.762.9559 Pre-registration required. Christmas food hampers for Rutland residents will be handed out *Tue, Dec. 13th, 6-8pm.*

CHILDREN'S EVENTS



READ WITH THE KELOWNA CHIEFS RUTLAND LIBRARY, 301 HWY 33 W
Wed, Nov. 23rd, 6:30pm. For ages 5-12. Come listen to stories and make decorations for the Library Christmas Tree. This drop-in program is free. For more info, 250.765.8165.

SANTA VISITS ORCHARD PARK SHOPPING CENTRE 2271 HARVEY AVE
Sat, Nov. 26th (12noon)-Sat, Dec. 24th: Mon-Sat, 11am-3pm and 4-8pm; Sun, 12noon-4pm, Christmas Eve, 11am-3pm. Photo packages are available, visits with Santa always FREE.

SANTA'S WORKSHOP KELOWNA FAMILY YMCA-YWCA, 375 HARTMAN RD
Sat, Dec. 3rd, 11am-2pm. As a family, make Christmas ornaments, play games and visit with Santa. FREE for members, Facility fee applies for non-members. For more info, 250.491.9622.

CHRISTMAS PUPPET SHOW KELOWNA LIBRARY, 1380 ELLIS ST
Wed, Dec. 7th, 11am, Thu, Dec. 8th, 11am, Fri, Dec. 9th, 11am. Ages 3-6 years.
'Bless you, Santa' puppet show. FREE admission, advance tickets required for all attending, non-perishable food items for the Kelowna Community Food Bank gratefully accepted. For more info, 250.762.2800 ext.1409.

9TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT LAKE COUNTRY BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS 3130 BERRY RD.
Wed, Dec. 7th, 6:15-8pm. Feel the holiday magic! Enjoy some performances by club members and other community groups. FREE. For more info, call 250.766.5277.



THE NUTCRACKER KELOWNA COMMUNITY THEATRE, 1375 WATER ST
Fri, Dec. 9th, 7:30pm, and Sat, Dec. 10th, 2pm and 7:30pm. A Canadian School of Ballet Production. Tickets available at Ticketmaster 250.860.1470.

SKATE WITH SANTA LAKE COUNTRY WINFIELD ARENA, 9830 BOTTOM WOOD LAKE RD
Sun, Dec. 11th, 3-4:30pm. Come on out and skate with Santa before Christmas! FREE. For info, call Lake Country Leisure Services 250.766.1485.

THE SANTA BUS KELOWNA REGIONAL TRANSIT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SANTA
Sun, Dec. 11th to Sat, Dec. 17th. The Santa Bus, with it's antlers, bright red nose and dancing lights, will be making the rounds again this year with a special red-suited guest on board spreading good cheer and candy canes. Bring a non-perishable food item or cash for The Salvation Army kettle to help those in need. For info call, 250.860.8121.

ELVES AT PLAY—H2O CENTRE 4075 GORDON DR
Sun, Dec. 11th-Fri, Dec. 23rd, 1-5pm. Relax and let Y staff and volunteers entertain your children with crafts, games, swimming and more while you enjoy some festive shopping or take a little quiet time to yourself. \$25/hour for members, \$35/hour for non-members. For more info and to register your children for up to 4 hours of care, call 250.764.4040.

VISIT FROM SANTA WESTBANK LIBRARY, 2484 MAIN ST
Wed, Dec. 14th, 6:30pm. Mom and Dad, don't forget to bring a camera. Christmas music provided by the Westsyde Ramblers. Donations of non-perishable food items gratefully accepted for the Westbank Food Bank. No registration required. For more info, 250.768.4369.

GINGERBREAD DREAMS SUMMERLAND LIBRARY, 9525 WHARTON ST
Thu, Dec. 15th, 7-8pm. A special bedtime story hour with a holiday twist. Join us for stories, puppets and snacks. Pajamas and slippers recommended! All ages welcome for this FREE event. For more info, 250.494.5591.

THE PARADE OF LIGHTS COURTESY OF KELOWNA REGIONAL TRANSIT AND SANTA
Fri, Dec. 16th and Sat, Dec. 17th, departing 7pm from IGA in Glenmore. Passengers can take the tour by making a donation of cash or a child's toy to The Salvation Army. Drop off locations: Castanet, 202-346 Lawrence Ave, 250.860.5050, or Power 104.7, 3805 Lakeshore Rd, 250.763.1047.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH, 2091 GORDON DR
Sun, Dec. 18th, 10am. By donation.

HOLIDAY FAMILY STORYTIME PEACHLAND LIBRARY, 4450-6TH ST
Thu, Dec. 22nd, 11:30am-12:30pm. Join us for stories, songs and crafts. Drop-in for this FREE event. For more info, 250.767.9111.

EVENTS



KDSCL 5TH CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE & SILENT AUCTION 555 FULLER AVE
Sat, Nov. 19th, 9am-2pm. Like Christmas goodies, but can't bake? Check out the 5th Annual bake sale and silent auction. For info contact Johanna Cameron at 250.763.4484.

LADIES CHRISTMAS TEA EVENT HELD AT 239 SNOWSELL ST
Sat, Nov 26th, 7pm. For ladies aged 14 to 100. FREE. Donations of personal items (soap, toothbrush, shampoo, etc.) accepted for women in need. For more info, contact Colleen at Victory Life Fellowship, 250.862.3044.

ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR FIRST UNITED CHURCH, 721 BERNARD AVE
Sat, Nov. 26th, 9am-2pm. Christmas food, arts and crafts. FREE. Please bring food donation for Food Bank. For more info, 250.762.3311.

MAKING MUSIC TOGETHER ROTARY CENTRE FOR THE ARTS , 421 CAWSTON AVE
Sun, Nov. 27th, 2pm. A Canada Music Week Concert of an original composition by Ernst Schneider of Penticton, with works by student composers. Contact Kelowna Community Music School for additional info, at 250.860.1737. Admission by donation.



THE INTERNATIONAL NATIVITY EXHIBIT THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS, 696 GLENMORE RD
Wed, Nov. 30th-Sat, Dec. 3rd: Wed, 10am-8pm; Sat, 10am-4pm. Musical performances: **Fri 7pm.** A Christmas 'must-see' in Kelowna. FREE admission, wheelchair accessible, everybody welcome.



ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF MUSIC & LIGHTS ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH **Fri, Dec. 2nd, 7-9pm and Sun, Dec. 4th, 2-4pm.** Fundraising event for Westside Community Food Bank including silent auction and door prizes. Wheel chair accessibility through south doors.

CHRISTMAS PIANO RECITAL ST ANDREWS ANGLICAN CHURCH, 4619 LAKESHORE RD **Fri, Dec. 2nd, 7pm.** A piano recital by students of Stephany Heslop. Contact Kelowna Community Music School for additional info, at 250.860.1737. Admission by donation.

TINY TIM CHARITY TOY BREAKFAST

Fri, Dec. 2nd, 6:30-9:30am. Support The Salvation Army with their Annual Toy Campaign. Bring family, friends and colleagues and one new unwrapped toy per person. Enjoy a hot buffet breakfast compliments of The Coast Capri Hotel, 1171 Harvey Ave. For info, 250.860.6060.

LAKE COUNTRY CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHT UP LAKE COUNTRY COMMUNITY COMPLEX, 10241 BOTTOMWOOD LAKE RD **Sat, Dec. 3rd, 3-5pm.** Bonfire, free hotdogs, coffee, hot chocolate and great entertainment. Call Lake Country Lions Club at 250.766.4688 for additional info.

OKANAGAN FESTIVAL SINGERS FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, 4091 LAKESHORE RD
Sat, Dec. 3rd, 7:30pm. Sing Along Messiah. For more info, 250.764.6024.

DOWNTOWN KELOWNA LIGHT UP

Sat, Dec. 3rd, 10am-7pm Bringing everyone together in celebration to kick off the holiday season in Kerry Park and the Downtown Kelowna Cultural District. Live entertainment, an appearance by Santa and the annual Downtown Kelowna Light Up. Presented by Downtown Kelowna Association and produced by Festivals Kelowna. Full schedule of events at www.downtownkelowna/lightup.com or call Brittany at 250.862.3515.

WEST KELOWNA CHRISTMAS LIGHT UP MAIN FIRE HALL, 3651 OLD OKANAGAN HWY
Sat, Dec. 3rd, 5-6pm. For more info, 250.769.1640.

CELEBRATION SINGERS AND SANTA MISSION PARK MALL, 3155 LAKESHORE RD
Sat, Dec. 3rd, 11:30am-2:30pm. The Celebration Choir and Santa will be at the Mission Park Mall to brighten your day.

SANTA SHUFFLE FUN RUN OR ELF WALK AT THE MISSION CREEK GREENWAY

Sat, Dec. 3rd, 10am. Interested in walking or running to help support The Salvation Army with community needs this Christmas? Registration: The Running Room, Orchard Plaza, or www.events.runningroom.com/site/?raceId=7041



EVENTS

WINTER WONDERLAND FAMILY EVENT ARION THERAPEUTIC FARM, 2457 SAUCIER RD
Sat, Dec. 3rd, and Sun, Dec. 4th, 10am-3pm. Pictures with Santa, decorate gingerbread men, craft sale, craft making, face painting, carols and hot chocolate around a bonfire, pony rides, family photo shoot, lunch, and more. Cost \$2 per activity. For info, 778.477.1006.

LAST CHANCE CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE WINFIELD MEMORIAL HALL, BOTTOM WOOD LAKE RD & BARRY RD **Sun, Dec. 4th, 10am-3pm.** Over 50 local crafters and artisans displaying their handcrafted wares. Come and enjoy the homemade goodies at the concession. Please bring a donation for the Food Bank. For info, Kathy at 250.863.06489.

LAST CHANCE CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW
Sun, Dec. 4th, 10am-3pm. Winfield Memorial Hall, Bottom Wood Lake Rd and Barry Rd
Please bring a non-perishable item for the Food Bank. For info, 250.863.0649.



WESTSIDE FAMILY WINTERFEST
Sun, Dec. 4th, 10am-2pm. Mt. Boucherie Community Centre, 2670 Cameron Rd, West Kelowna Public skating crafts, cookie decorating, with a visit from Santa, FREE snacks and lots of holiday spirit for all ages. For more info, call Christy at 778.797.8800.

LAKE COUNTRY SANTA'S CRAFT SHOP LAKE COUNTRY COMMUNITY COMPLEX, 10241 BOTTOMWOOD LAKE RD **Sat, Dec. 4th, 12noon-3pm.** Bring your kids, grandkids or neighbor kids and enjoy making Christmas crafts, decorating cookies, or just enjoying seasonal activities.

UPTOWN RUTLAND CHRISTMAS LIGHT UP ROXBY PARK, 250 HWY. 33 W
Sun, Dec. 4th, 4pm. Family event featuring hot chocolate, cookies, gift bags for the children, and of course, Santa Clause. Donations accepted for The Salvation Army's Empty Stocking Fund. For details: www.uptownrutland.com.

TREES OF MEMORIES KELOWNA MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY, 1991 BERNARD AVE
Dec. 5th-Jan. 8th. Those with friends or family members who have passed may place an ornament on the Tree of Memories to honour and celebrate their loved ones.

SCROOGE CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST SANDALWOOD RETIREMENT RESORT, 580 YATES RD
Thu, Dec. 8th, 7-10am. Enjoy a delightful free buffet breakfast at . Admission is by donation. Gift cards for a teenager will be available for purchase to decorate our Salvation Army Charlie Brown Christmas Tree. For info, 250.717.1884.

THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER! EMMANUEL WEST KELOWNA AUDITORIUM, 2600 HEBERT RD
Fri, Dec. 9th-12th, 6pm. Join us for a thoroughly entertaining show, while enjoying a fabulous turkey dinner. Tickets are limited, and are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children, youth and seniors. To purchase your tickets, call 250.768.7638.

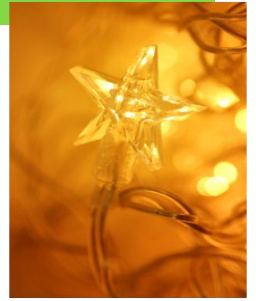
LIVING NATIVITY WILLOW PARK CHURCH, 439 HWY 33 W
Fri, Dec. 9th, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30pm; Sat, Dec. 10th, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30pm; Sun, Dec. 11th, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30pm. FREE. A beautiful and wonderfully unique Christmas presentation with shows running continuously. For info, 250.765.6622.

CHRISTMAS RECITAL ST ANDREWS ANGLICAN CHURCH, 4619 LAKESHORE RD **Sat, Dec. 10th, 12:30pm.** Kelowna Community Music School presents a Christmas recital by piano students of Eva Pospisilova, violin students of Yvonne Kushnier and voice students of Katherine van Kampen. For additional info, call 250.860.1737. Admission by donation.



DOWNTOWN COURTESY GIFT WRAPPING 565 BERNARD AVE
Sat, Dec. 10th and Mon, Dec. 12th-Sat, Dec. 24th. Purchase your Christmas gifts from Downtown Kelowna businesses, bring your receipts with your parcels and have them gift wrapped for FREE at the TOWNE CENTRE MALL.

A CHRISTMAS ENSEMBLE CONCERT ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CATHEDRAL, 680 SUTHERLAND AVE
Sun, Dec. 11th, 1pm. A Youth Choir accompanied by Ursula Pidgeon and the Junior String Orchestra. Kelowna Community Music School, 250.860.1737. Admission by donation.



EVENTS

6TH ANNUAL JOE RICH FIRE DEPARTMENT FOOD DRIVE DOOR-TO-DOOR COLLECTION
Sun, Dec. 11th, 12noon-4pm. Joe Rich Fire Department will be going door-to-door collecting food and cash donations for the Kelowna Community Food Bank. With the buying power of the Food Bank, they can turn a \$5 donation into \$15 worth of food. Donations accepted at the Community Hall and the Fire Hall. For more info, contact Richard Romolock at 250.215.7758.

CELEBRATION SINGERS AND MISSION DANCE CENTRE
Thu, Dec. 15th, 7:30pm, ROTARY CENTRE FOR THE ARTS, 421 CAWSTON AVE
Sat, Dec. 17th, 7:30pm, CREEKSIDE THEATRE, LAKE COUNTRY, 10241 BOTTOM WOOD LAKE RD Mark your calendar and join the Celebration Singers for "Magical Christmas Tales", an evening for young and old. Adult tickets \$17, kids under 12 \$11.50. Four beautiful Raffle Baskets are available each evening, with partial proceeds to the Mission Dance Centre Scholarship Foundation and the Elizabeth Fry Society. For more info, call Karyn at 250-764-3294.



RINGING IN THE SEASON KELOWNA COMMUNITY THEATRE, 1375 WATER ST
Sat, Dec. 17th, 7pm. Bring the whole family to ring in the Holiday season with the Okanagan Symphony and local handbell ringers. Remember to bring your best singing voice to join in on all your favourite Christmas carols. For ticket info call 250.763.7544.

THE KELOWNA LIEDERTAFEL CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Sun, Dec. 18th, 2:30pm. FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH 4091 LAKESHORE RD
A German Canadian mixed choir presents traditional Christmas Carols featuring instrumental guest artists. Admission by free will donation. For more info, call 250.764.6188.



TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES 1470 HARVEY AVE (BURTCH PLAZA)
This year Ten Thousand Villages is partnering with several community organizations on a designated date and 15% of our sales for the day will be donated to the organization. By making us part of your Christmas, we will be helping both our artisans *and* our community.

Partnership Dates: **Nov. 19th,** Kelowna City Band; **Nov. 26th,** CDART Canadian Disaster Animal Response Team; **Dec. 3rd,** Grandmother to Grandmother; **Dec. 9th,** Inn from the Cold; **Dec. 10th,** Central Okanagan Hospice Association; **Dec. 13th,** Coldwell Banker for The Salvation Army Toys for Tots; **Dec. 16th,** Engineers without Borders; **Dec. 17th,** Gardom Lake Bible Camp.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL SERVICE KELOWNA COMMUNITY CHURCH, 1480 SUTHERLAND AVE
Tue, Nov. 29th, 7pm. As a special way of remembering those you are missing this Christmas Season, join us for this inter-denominational, 19th Annual Memorial Service that is lead by clergy and lay people from the community. Hosted by Valleyview Funeral Home, First Memorial Funeral Services and Lakeview memorial Gardens Cemetery.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CATHEDRAL, 608 SUTHERLAND AVE
Sun, Dec. 18th, 3pm or Mon, Dec. 19th, 7:30pm. Sunday service is geared towards those who cannot attend an evening service. All ages are welcome. Call Shea at 250.762.3321, for more info.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS KELOWNA COMMUNITY THEATRE, 1375 WATER ST
Mon, Dec. 19th, 7pm. The Centre for Spiritual Living KELOWNA hosts this evening of music and inspirational messages. Suggested donation of a small gift or toy appropriate for a child or adult. For more info, 250.860.3500.



KELOWNA COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE SALVATION ARMY 1480 SUTHERLAND AVE
Sat, Dec. 24th, 6pm. Candlelight Christmas Eve Service.



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES Christ Lutheran Church,
2091 GORDON DRIVE, **Fri, Dec. 24th, 4pm** in English, **6pm** in German.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ATTEND A CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICE?
If you don't see the church of your denomination listed here, please visit the Kelowna Community Resources website at www.kcr.ca | **Community Info Search**, and type in "**Church**" to locate the church of your choice.

WISH LIST AND DONATIONS

THE SALVATION ARMY 200 RUTLAND RD S. OR 1480 SUTHERLAND AVE
Donations of non-perishable food or Christmas gifts accepted at The Salvation Army Community Church **until Sat, Dec. 24th**. For more info, 250.765.3450 or 250.860.2329.

KELOWNA GENERAL HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER SERVICES 2268 PANDOSY ST
Gratefully accepting donations of new stuffed toys to hand out to distressed children in the waiting rooms at the hospital. Drop off at Volunteer Services, main floor. For more info, 250.862.4492 or 250.862.4497.

KELOWNA GENERAL HOSPITAL MCNAIR UNIT 2268 PANDOSY ST
Please donate craft and art supplies as well as gifts for adults such as scarves, mitts, toques, tube socks, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, hand and shaving cream, lip balm, combs, brushes, journals, playing cards, individually wrapped chocolates and hard candies. No glass or sharp objects please. For info, 250.862.4492 or 250.862.4497.

KELOWNA COMMUNITY FOOD BANK 1265 ELLIS ST
Accepting donations of new toys for children from newborn to age 16 years and food (turkeys and Christmas trimmings, baby food, Good Start formula, canned salmon or tuna, canned fruits and vegetables, soups, Boost, whole wheat pasta). Drop off between **8am-4pm, Mon-Fri**. Phone 250.763.7161.



KELOWNA'S GOSPEL MISSION 251 LEON AVE
Drop off donations of food and gifts (turkeys and trimmings; blankets, socks, razors, towels, linens, men's and women's hygiene products) at 251 Leon Ave. Men's jeans, socks and ski gloves are especially needed, please drop off at the Helping Hands Store, 259 Leon Ave. Call 250.763.3737 for info.

WEST KELOWNA FIRE/RESCUE FOOD DRIVE DOOR-TO-DOOR COLLECTION
Tue, Dec. 6th and Wed, Dec. 7th, 6-9pm Non-perishable food donations for the Westside Community Food Bank. Drop offs at Main Fire Hall, 3651 Old Okanagan Hwy or Lakeview Heights Hall, 2708 Olalla Rd. For info, 250.769.1640.

LAKE COUNTRY FIRE DEPARTMENT DOOR-TO-DOOR COLLECTION
Mon, Dec. 5th. Collecting food items, cash and cheques for the Lake Country Food Bank. Drop offs at Fire Admin office at 10591 Okanagan Centre Rd E. For info, 250.766.2327.

FILL THE VAN FOR SALLY ANN **Sat, Dec. 3rd, 9am-5pm** DONATE AND DROP OFF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD items at local area Save-On Foods to Fill the Van for Sally Ann Hosted by Wade Webb of Royal Lepage Realty.

THE 16TH ANNUAL DAILY COURIER'S BE-AN-ANGEL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN Raising funds to assist local families in need. All proceeds will be split evenly between the Okanagan Boys and Girls Clubs and local Food Banks through Valley First's Feed the Valley campaign and allocated by region (Kelowna and Penticton). Donations can be made until **Fri, Dec. 30th** (to be eligible for a 2011 tax receipt/minimum \$20 donation required) online at www.kelownadailycourier.ca or www.pentictonherald.ca, at our Kelowna office at 550 Doyle Ave, in Penticton at 186 Nanaimo Ave W, by mail, or at any Valley First Credit Union. Upon request, donations will be listed as Anonymous. This holiday season, you can Be an Angel, too!



CHIROPRACTIC FOR KIDS CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE 11-2121 SPRINGFIELD RD Drop off new, unwrapped toys for The Salvation Army at Active Care Health Chiropractic from **Mon, Nov. 12th-Fri, Dec. 16th**. For more info, Ashley at 250.861.6151.

ANNUAL BE A SANTA FOR A SENIOR SPONSORED BY HOME INSTEAD SENIOR CARE. Drop into either London Drug location **by Mon, Dec. 12th** and pull an ornament from the tree then purchase from the suggestions listed on the ornament. These gifts will brighten the lives of lonely, isolated seniors. For more info call 250.860.4113.

KELOWNA VICTORY LIFE FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS DINNER AND LADIES TEA, 1635 BERTRAM ST Donations of non-perishable food items, door prizes and cash donations gratefully accepted for the FREE Community Christmas Dinner. For the Ladies Tea, donations of personal items for women in need, as well as door prizes would be appreciated.

CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION WELLNESS DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, 504 SUTHERLAND AVE Gratefully accepting donations of gift baskets, gift cards or cash for their Christmas Celebration. Donations over \$20 are eligible for tax receipt. Your donation will make such a difference! Please call Candace at 250.861.3644 for more info.



SPONSOR A FAMILY



ELIZABETH FRY OF THE CENTRAL OKANAGAN

Tue, Nov. 1st-Fri, Dec. 16th. Be involved. Make a difference. Sponsor a family this Christmas. Sponsors provide a food hamper and gifts for the family they are assisting. Call Allie at 250.763.4613 or email info_efry@shawbiz.ca.

THE SALVATION ARMY

Nov.-Dec. Provide gifts and food for a family at Christmas. To be matched with a family, call Caroline at 250.860.2329. Also, check out our 'Angel Trees' at Wal-mart, Zellers, Toys R Us and other local retailers for a gift tag with gift request.



KELOWNA COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

Be involved and make a difference for a family this Christmas. Sponsors provide a food hamper and gifts for the family they are assisting. Call 250.763.7161, email info@kcfb.ca, or visit www.kelownafoodbank.com for a sponsorship application.

KELOWNA COMMUNITY RESOURCES

If you, your family, or group are looking for a special way to celebrate Christmas by providing food and / or gifts for a family, call 250.763-8008 ext. 0 for the Sponsor a Family at Christmas Program, Kelowna Community Resources. Deadline **Wed, Dec. 14th.**

KELOWNA AND DISTRICT SHARE SOCIETY

The Adopt-a-Family program matches a registered family in need with a family or organization willing to sponsor them by providing a Christmas dinner and gifts for the family. Call 250.763.8117 for additional information.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

THE SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS KETTLES

Thu, Nov. 17th to Thu, Dec. 24th. If you or your business would like to take a shift to help The Salvation Army raise funds for Christmas hampers, and year-round assistance for local families, please call Suzie at 250.860.2329 ext. 33.

KI-LOW-NA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY FEED THE PEOPLE CHRISTMAS DINNER / ELDER'S DINNER 442 Leon Ave

Thu, Dec. 15th, 12noon-3pm; Sat, Dec. 24th, 11am-3pm. Volunteers needed for the Elder's Dinner and the Community Dinner. Contact Kathleen Bray at 250-763-4905 ext. 209 or email volunteer@kfs.bc.ca.

ELIZABETH FRY OF THE CENTRAL OKANAGAN HAMPER DELIVERIES

Wed, Dec. 21th. Be involved. Make a difference. Sponsor a family this Christmas. Sponsors provide a food hamper and gifts for the family they are assisting. Call Allie at 250.763.4613 or email info_efry@shawbiz.ca.



VICTORY LIFE FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS DINNER, PARKINSON RECREATION CENTRE, 1800 PARKINSON WAY

Sat, Dec. 24th: setup, decorating, wrapping gifts, setting tables and filling food bags

Sun, Dec. 25th: hosting, handing out prize tickets at front, waiters, filling plates for waiters, janitorial during event, and dishwashers. For more info call 250.862.3044 or email vlf@shaw.ca.

FIRST UNITED CHURCH NEW YEAR'S DAY DINNER

Sun, Jan. 1st, 3:30-8:30pm. This dinner welcomes our downtown neighbours on fixed or low incomes and the homeless. If you would like to help with the dinner please call Cheryl at 250.762.3311. Help needed with set up/ decorating, serving, table hosts, musical entertainment and clean up.

THE MOST IMPORTANT GIFT OF ALL-YOUR TIME

COMMUNITY INFORMATION & VOLUNTEER CENTRE

When you volunteer, you help agencies continue their programs and services, especially at this time of year when the need is greatest. Take the initiative! Organize a food or toy drive or encourage family and friends to pick names from a giving program. At home, create a gift box with toys, games school supplies, hygiene items, socks, hats, scarves and mitts. Support the holiday programs at your favourite charity.

Don't know the name of a charity to help? Want to find volunteer opportunities during the holiday season? Want to volunteer where the need is greatest? Go to www.kcr.ca and click on Community Info Search of Volunteer Opportunity Search. Create your own volunteer profile.