

How can you give back to the community this holiday season?

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With another year soon coming to an end, the holiday season gives people time to reflect on the events of the year and spend quality time with friends and families. This year has been difficult for many families in our community and they are depending on, or hope for, donations to help them through the holiday season. Together we can make the holiday season enjoyable for all. Here are ways that you can help....

Donations to the food bank

There are a few ways you can donate to the food bank.

- Grocery stores now have pre-package food bags that can be purchased and cost anywhere from \$5 to \$25
- Purchase a few extra food items while shopping and leave them in the food bank bin when exiting the grocery store
- Clean out your kitchen cupboards
- Donate grocery store gift cards

Donations can be dropped off to any facility taking food bank donations or the local food bank which is located on High Street in Sutton. Here at GTTI we are taking food and clothing donations.

Donations to thrift shops

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Used clothing, toys, holiday decorations, and household items are accepted at any thrift shop. These items are then re-sold very cheap, which is more affordable for some. There are two Stretch thrift store locations, one in Keswick on The Queensway North and one in Sutton on High Street.

Donations to toy drives

The Georgina Fire Halls and many other locations hold toy drives for families in need. You can donate new toys for any gender or age. You can also check with the Fire Halls to see if there is a specific age or gender that they may be in need of.

Cash donations

Cash donations are widely accepted at different locations and for different services. The Salvation Army usually has donation boxes at local stores. The Georgina Cares foundation takes donations to help children participate in local activities, and cash donations are usually taken at any bank or non-profit facility.

Volunteering

A helping hand can go a long way. You can donate your time at local shelters, churches, The Food Bank, The Salvation Army or Habitat for Humanity.