

Yonge Street Mission Christmas Wish List 2011



Share the joy of the season!

PARTNER WITH US to bring joy and hope to over 6,000 people again this year – struggling families with children, marginalized adults, homeless street youth and isolated seniors.

Christmas at Yonge Street Mission:

- Food assistance for people in need
- Toys for over 2,500 children!
- Community-wide Christmas dinners & events
- Volunteers deliver gift boxes to seniors

Reach out to your neighbours in need:

- Hold a food drive
- Hold a toy drive
- Donate gift certificates

Your gifts make this possible:

The Mission depends on the generosity and goodwill of schools, workplaces, individuals and places of worship to bring the joy of the season – and dignity of celebrating it – to people living with poverty.



>> Please use this Wish List as your guide



Our core values of Love, Creativity, Integrity, Dignity, Justice, Gratitude and Peace inspire us to serve people from all faiths and backgrounds.

Wish List 2011

TOYS: So no child goes without:

Y SM is delighted to receive your donations of toys for our community. We ask that all donated toys match our Core Values. Therefore, consistent with our value of Peace, we refrain from distributing toys resembling weapons and warfare (guns, knives, swords), evil and violence (including action figures and video games). In keeping with our values of Integrity & Dignity, we do not distribute toys and books that are sexually inappropriate, revealing, or use profanity. Thank you for your generosity and for respecting our values with us.

NEW TOYS FOR CHILDREN UP TO AGE 12

Parents register to select the appropriate toys for their children at the YSM Christmas Market:

- Infant & toddler toys
- Play sets
- Dolls
- Cars, trucks, boats, trains
- Books & board games
- Colouring books & markers
- Lego & Duplo building toys
- Arts and crafts supplies
- Basketball, soccer balls, & hockey equipment
- Bicycles & tricycles



GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR AGES 13-17

This age group loves the freedom to select their own gifts. Favourite choices include:

- Cadillac Fairview Gift Cards (*allows our youth to shop at the nearby Eaton Centre*)
- Hudson's Bay Company
- HMV & iTunes
- Movies & coffee shops
- Sport shoe stores
- Shopper's Drug Mart

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Christmas Wish List 2011 *(Continued)*

FOOD – for the Christmas season & to stock our Food Bank during the depths of the winter:

CANNED FOOD:

- Chick peas & other beans
- Vegetables & fruit
- Tuna & salmon
- Soups & stews
- Fruit juice
- Spaghetti sauce

FROZEN MEAT:

- Chickens
- Hams
- Turkeys
- Halal chickens & meat products

FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON:

- Christmas cake
- Oranges
- Cookies & biscuits
- Condiments & seasonings
- Candy & chocolate
- Dairy, milk and eggs: your cash donations will help us stock these essential items.

PACKAGED FOOD:

- Peanut butter
- Pasta & kraft dinner
- Rice & cereal
- Gluten free pasta & cereal
- Cooking oil
- Tea & coffee
- Powdered milk
- Jars of jam
- Power bars & meal replacements
- Baby cereal & jarred food
- Baby formula – liquid or powdered
- Other infant items – bottles, soothers, diapers

Hygiene kits for disadvantaged adults & Evergreen youth:

Pack a zip-lock bag with basic hygiene items: toothpaste & toothbrush, soap, shampoo & conditioner, deodorant, disposable razors, hand sanitizer. This is a great group project and the kits are deeply appreciated!

Gifts for street youth:

Over 100 youth without close family ties celebrate Christmas Dinner at Evergreen.

- Sweatshirts, T-shirts & hoodies
- Underwear, socks & tights
- Jeans & sweatpants
- Winter boots & jackets
- Backpacks & canvas bags
- TTC tokens & tickets
- Sleeping bags

Gifts for Seniors:

YSM volunteers pack and deliver 200 gift boxes for seniors and shut-ins.

- Pyjamas & slippers (women & men)
- Socks & T-shirts
- Seniors TTC tickets
- Hats, gloves & scarves

Gift certificates:

For people living in rooming houses it is a treat to go out for a coffee or a meal. Prepaid cards from any of these chains are deeply appreciated by disadvantaged adults:

- Tim Horton's & other coffee stores
- Swiss Chalet, McDonald's, pizza restaurants, etc.

Other gift cards to bring the joy of the season:

- Grocery, department & pharmacy stores
- Clothing retailers
- Movies
- Phone cards

To donate online
www.ysm.ca
and click on
DONATE NOW

LAST YEAR AT THE MISSION

Over 2,700 children and 2,000 adults were registered for Christmas assistance; we also served many individuals on a walk-in basis

Over 6,000 people attended a Christmas party, banquet and/or received gifts

Over 1,200 volunteers donated 3,872 hours to the Mission's Christmas programs



Your cash gifts will provide:

Christmas meal with all the trimmings:	\$3.11
Christmas meal for a table of 10:	\$31.10
Food Bank assistance, weekly for a senior:	\$40.00
Food Bank assistance, weekly for a family:	\$85.00

Donations can be made securely online at www.ysm.ca OR call 1-800-416-5111

"I've never cooked a turkey before. Now we can have a real Christmas"

– father of two



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Yonge Street Mission is a registered agency with Toronto's Christmas Bureau program. We will pick up your Food and Toy Drive gifts, please contact: Anne Keyes at 416-929-9614, ext. 4247; email akeyes@ysm.ca.

PLEASE, ONLY NEW GIFT ITEMS FOR CHRISTMAS!