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## **BGC Okanagan - Adopt a Family over the Holidays**

*Your chance is here to "Make a Difference" to a Family in the Okanagan!*

BGC Okanagan's "Adopt-A-Family" program matches families and young people with businesses, organizations, schools, service groups and individual sponsors. Our families/youth are current members of our programs and services and are identified as needing support at this time of year.

Over the past 17 years, sponsors have assembled food and gift hampers for families, who due to a variety of circumstances were unable to give their family the food and gifts they would like to ensure their families experienced the joy of the season like others around them. We encourage donors to make a monetary donation online OR donate gift cards to ensure families have the means to provide food and basic needs for their families.



If you would like to Adopt a Family or Youth please:

1. Donate at: <https://www.bgco.ca/adoptabgcoakanaganfamilyclub/>  
All donations will be used to provide e-cards which empowers and allows youth and families to purchase food and small gifts to make their holidays a little more joy-filled. This ensures both our donors and sponsors are safe during these challenging times. OR...
2. Create a generic hamper according to the size of the youth/family they would like to support and coordinate with the Adopt a Family staff to have them deliver the hamper to the youth or family. OR....
3. Build a hamper for a specific family/youth you are matched with including a breakfast, lunch, dinner, treats and gifts for the family/youth and deliver the hamper as per your arrangements made with your family/youth.

Please complete the attached form and return to [adoptafamily@bgco.ca](mailto:adoptafamily@bgco.ca). We hope you will consider "Adopting a Family" this holiday season and help make a family in our community have a little brighter holiday. Thank you for bringing joy in a time of need. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.

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## BGC Okanagan - Adopt a Family Program

If you are choosing to donate a hamper this is information for you. Otherwise feel free to make a monetary donation at [www.bgco.ca/donate](http://www.bgco.ca/donate) – click "2024 Adopt a Family".

To assist "Adopt a Family" Sponsors, we are including guidelines and suggestions for those choosing to be matched with families and providing hampers.

### Guidelines for the Sponsor:

- 1) Determine size of family you prefer to sponsor.
- 2) Submit application form by **November 20th, 2024**
- 3) You will be contacted by **November 30th, 2024** with the family contact
- 4) Contact the family as soon as possible to ask the children's interests and preferences that are within reason. Ensure you find out if there are any dietary issues. Sponsored families look forward to hearing from their sponsor.
- 5) If you would like to stay anonymous we can find out the family's needs and inform you.
- 6) Purchase the hamper items and assemble. You can be as fancy or as basic as you like. (We have had people use plastic reusable storage bins as the hamper for families to be able to use in the future. If you wrap gifts, please indicate who the gift is for.)
- 7) Food hamper should contain three meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner as well as gifts for the children if possible.)
- 8) It is also possible to purchase gift cards for families, so they are empowered to make their own selections of food and needs especially the perishable items.
- 9) Arrange a delivery date/time with the family. Delivery should be no later than **December 15th, 2024** unless otherwise arranged with the family.
- 10) Contact the Adopt a Family staff by [adoptafamily@bgco.ca](mailto:adoptafamily@bgco.ca) when the hamper has been delivered.

### Meal suggestions (ask family about food allergies)

#### **Breakfast**

Jams  
Bread\*  
Pancake mix/syrup  
Fresh fruit\*  
Granola bars  
Juice\*  
Canned fruit  
Coffee/tea/milk\*  
Cereal

#### **Lunch**

Dried fruit  
Canned Beans  
Soup  
Canned tuna  
Salmon  
Boxed Juice  
Lunch Meats  
Pasta  
Crackers

#### **Dinner**

Turkey or ham \*\*  
Stuffing mix  
Canned Vegetables  
Fresh vegetables\*  
Potatoes\*  
Rice  
Cranberry sauce  
Buns\*  
Dessert (pie) \*

**\*GIFT CARD FOR PERISHABLES** (Milk, fruit, cheese, eggs, vegetables, etc.)

**\*\*KEEP MEAT FROZEN UNTIL DELIVERY**

### Other ideas:

- Christmas snacks such as cookies, candies, chips, popcorn, nuts.
- Other practical items may be included based on family: diapers, baby wipes, toilet paper, paper towels, detergents, soaps, tinfoil, toothpaste, toothbrushes and pet food.
- Clothing; Hats, mittens, socks.
- Books and educational supplies are always a great addition
- Gift certificates to outings such as bowling, the movies, and swimming.



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## BGCO Okanagan- "Adopt a Family" over the Holidays

**Sponsor Application form required if you are choosing to donate a hamper (Due November 20, 2024) all monetary donations can be made at <https://www.bgco.ca/adoptabgcokanaganfamilyclub/>**

Our program matches families in need with generous businesses, schools, service clubs and individuals. Sponsors take on the responsibility of providing breakfast, lunch, and dinner for the sponsored family as well as gifts for each of the children. In addition, we suggest sponsors consider providing basic essentials the family may also need.

**PLEASE FILL OUT AND EMAIL: [adoptafamily@bgco.ca](mailto:adoptafamily@bgco.ca)**

Name of company, organization or individual \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: (first/last name) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Home \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Size of the family you are interested in sponsoring with *suggested* hamper value.

☐ 1 Young Person (\$150)

☐ Small family 2-3 people (\$300)

☐ Medium Family 4-6 people (\$500)

☐ Large family 7+ people (\$800)

Would you like to sponsor more than one family? ☐ YES. If YES, how many? \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ NO

Special Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

We will be in contact with you no later than **November 30th, 2024** to ensure we have matched you appropriately with a family.

Contact for more information:

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