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Parksville Fire's Fill the Boots for Food Drive

Once again, Parksville firefighters are asking the public to support the community in need with this year's "Fill the Boots for Food Drive" to be held on Saturday, November 13 and Sunday, November 14 from 9 am to 5 pm.

Due to the pandemic and like 2020, there will be no door-to-door collection in neighbourhoods. Physically distanced and masked, our firefighters will be at set locations in the City asking residents to generously support the Salvation Army food bank with cash donations. Parksville Fire will also accept donations of new unwrapped toys for the Society of Organized Services. Please watch our social media feeds and website for details and locations.

Donations are extremely important to the Salvation Army food bank and Society of Organized Services to provide for less fortunate in our community. Donations may also be made as follows:

- **Society of Organized Services** is gratefully accepting donations for the Christmas program. Financial donations can be made online at sosd69.com, in person or by phone (250 248-2093), Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4.30 pm. New unwrapped gifts can be dropped off at the SOS Community Services Centre in Parksville. After November 17, toys, gifts and gift cards for children and youth can be dropped off at the SOS Christmas tent located outside the SOS Community Services Centre (245 West Hirst Avenue on the McMillan Street side of the building) every Monday and Wednesday, 9 to 11.30 am and Friday from 1.30 to 3.30 pm.
- **Salvation Army food bank** donations are accepted at 886 Wembley Road, Monday to Friday from 8 am to 11.30 am and on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 1 pm to 3.30 pm.

Each year, residents in the Parksville Fire Protection Area generously support the annual drive and are the reason for its success with more than \$75,000 in cash donations in 2020. This drive and the generosity of our residents make the world of difference to many families during the holiday season. Your support is truly appreciated by the members of the Parksville Volunteer Fire Department.

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