



E-Connections

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The Richmond Christmas Fund Edition



Wow, November already! Like Santa's sleigh, fall has just flown by, and the Christmas season is almost here. We've even heard unconfirmed reports that eggnog is starting to appear on supermarket shelves! Yes, the holidays are fast approaching, and at Volunteer Richmond that means we're in full on Christmas Fund mode.

Currently, we're in the process of training over 120 volunteers to help out with this year's edition of the program, their tasks ranging from data entry to gift wrapping to assisting with family registration.

Speaking of registration, it begins **Monday, November 28**. As always, registration will be held at the **Richmond Caring Place, 7000 Minoru Blvd**. Based on the positive feedback we received last year, we'll once again be doing SAME DAY family registration and toy pick-up. Families are asked to make child care arrangements for the day they register, as children will not be allowed in the McDonald's Toy Room.

Eligibility requirements - including updated low-income cut off figures - can be found on our **website**. Also included is a list of documents required to register. For additional information, please call at **604-279-7035**.

Family Registration and Toy Pick-Up Dates

Weekdays

Monday, November 28	9:00am - 12:30pm
Tuesday, November 29	2:00pm - 6:00pm
Friday, December 2	9:00am - 12:30pm
Tuesday, December 6	2:00pm - 6:00pm
Thursday, December 8	9:00am - 12:30pm
Friday, December 9	9:00am - 12:30pm
Monday, December 12	9:00am - 12:30pm

Weekends

Saturday, December 3	9:00am - 12:30pm
Saturday, December 10	9:00am - 12:30pm



This year, a team of interior design students from the Art Institute of Vancouver has generously volunteered to decorate the McDonald's Toy Room. They'll have the space looking like Richmond's version of Santa's workshop in time for the start of registration, on November 28.



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Christmas Fund News and Notes



Christmas Fund Online Donation Page Goes Live

If you've visited our [website](#) recently, you may have noticed a new icon featuring a familiar face (see above). Click on that icon, and you'll be taken to our brand new [Richmond Christmas Fund donation page](#). From there, you can make a secure, online donation to the Christmas Fund, after which you'll immediately be sent a tax receipt via e-mail. Just think, you can help brighten the holidays for families in need with the click of a mouse!

A special 'thank you' goes out to two of our Circle of Friends members for making the page possible: Opacity Design Group, for creating it, and Ashton Service Group, for sponsoring it.

A purple and white poster for the "Volunteers Are Stars" Gala Dinner & Awards. At the top is a purple star logo made of interlocking shapes. Below it, the text reads "Volunteers Are Stars" in a large, bold font. Underneath, it says "GALA DINNER & AWARDS | WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 2011 | RADISSON HOTEL VANCOUVER AIRPORT". Logos for "coastcapital SAVINGS" and "Volunteer Richmond Information Services" are at the bottom. A dark grey box at the bottom contains the text: "Spend A Night with the Stars! Tickets for the 11th Annual Volunteers Are Stars Awards are \$40 each for VRIS members (\$45 for non-members) or \$400 for a table of 10 (\$450 for non-members). To order, call 604-279-7020 or e-mail info@volunteerrichmond.ca."

Christmas Fund Events

Every year, a wide range of community events are held in support of the Richmond Christmas Fund. 2011 promises to be one of the busiest years yet, with old favourites like the Richmond Auto Mall's Windows of Hope mixed in with exciting new events, like the Richmond Christmas Fund Drive-Thru Event at the Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel.

To find out more about any of the events listed, simply click the purple links.

UPCOMING

Black Bond Books Week of Caring

November 21 - November 27 | Black Bond Books
More details available soon at [volunteerrichmond.ca!](#)

Richmond Auto Mall's Windows of Hope

Tuesday, November 22 | Richmond Auto Mall

Art Knapp's Day of Caring

Friday, November 25 | Art Knapp Home & Garden

Christmas In Steveston Village - Carriage Rides

Saturday, December 3 | Steveston Village

Richmond Christmas Fund Drive-Thru Event

Thursday, December 8 | Delta Vancouver Airport
More details available soon at [volunteerrichmond.ca!](#)

ONGOING

Richmond Christmas Fund Quilt Raffle

Purchase tickets at 190 - 7000 Minoru Blvd.

Richmond Centre and Lansdowne Centre Gift Wrap

December 1 - 24 | Richmond Centre and Lansdowne Centre Malls

Programs

- Child Care Resource & Referral Centre
- Information & Volunteer Centre
- Leadership Richmond
- Richmond Christmas Fund
- Seniors Community Support Services

Funders

- United Way of the Lower Mainland
- City of Richmond
- Province of British Columbia
- Ministry of Children and Family Development
- Vancouver Coastal Health
- The Government of Canada

Circle of Friends

- Opacity Design Group
- Richmond Review
- Richmond Centre
- Coast Capital Savings
- Richmond Chamber of Commerce
- Milan & Maureen Ilich Foundation
- Innovation Networks
- Ashton Service Group

