

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year: the VRCA Construction Gives Season!

From November 16 to December 16, you're invited to contribute with donations of necessities and toys to benefit our charities, **Covenant House Vancouver** and the **Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau**.

Drop Off Location: VRCA office, 3636 E 4th Avenue, Vancouver, BC

Covenant House Vancouver: Backpack Drive

The Covenant House Vancouver helps youth aged 16 to 24 who have fled physical, emotional, and sexual abuse; those who have been forced from their homes; and those who have aged out of foster care. **Drop by the VRCA office** and donate new, unwrapped items for the Christmas Backpack Program.

Items Needed (in gender neutral colours):

- Gift cards ($5, $10, $20)
- Socks (ankle, crew) (must be new)
- Loose boxers (must be new)
- T-shirts
- Hoodies
- Umbrellas
- Reusable water bottles
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Shaving cream

Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau: Toy Drive

The Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau has been making Christmas for kids since 1930. Their main goal is to ensure that every child in our community has a smile on their face on Christmas Day. Please drop by the VRCA office and donate new, unwrapped toys for children in need. **Please note: the Bureau often runs out of toys for tweens and teens, and prefers educational toys that develop children's interest in STEM.**

Wish List for Tweens & Teens

Electronics, scooters, Bluetooth speakers, drones, tablets, books, Kindles and Kobo readers, cameras, backpacks, tea & coffee travel mug, Fitbit watches, everyday jewelry, intricate building sets, tool set, fancy coffee equipment, Bluetooth headphones, musical instruments, mobile phone accessories, clothing, shoes, crafting items, make-up, bath bombs, men's and women's wallets, good quality art sets and supplies, hairdryer, curling irons and hair straighteners, board games, video game consoles, and video games.

Gift cards are also great to tweens and teens can pick out a gift for themselves. Mall gift cards or restaurant gift cards are fantastic and versatile options.

Wish List for Elementary School-Aged Kids

Building toys (Lego), outdoor toys (skateboards, kick scooters, bikes, soccer balls, basketballs), games & brain twisters, Barbies, Minecraft, Star Wars, Marvel and DC toys, sensory toys, introductory art sets (pencil crayons, pastels), backpacks, Nerf, and remote-control cars.

Wish List for Babies, Toddlers, and Preschoolers

Outdoor toys (tricycle, kick scooter, balance bike), play doh, sensory toys, musical toys (xylophone, maracas, drums), educational toys, age-appropriate electronics, toy cars and train sets, and animal figures.