



# NEWS RELEASE

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## Parksville Fire's Boots for Food Drive

This year's Boots for Food drive for the Parksville Volunteer Fire Department was a huge success. Physically distanced and masked, our firefighters were at locations throughout Parksville asking residents to fill the boots for food. A total of \$93,464 cash was collected over the weekend along with new unwrapped toys for the Society of Organized Services.

Once again, Craig Bay residents were beyond generous, donating a record amount of \$58,635 and 3,676 pounds of food. The fire department raised \$34,829 and 600 pounds of food.

Each year, residents in the Parksville Fire Protection Area generously support the annual drive and are the reason this campaign is so successful. The Parksville Fire Department appreciates the generosity of our residents who make the world of difference to many families in our community.

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](http://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.

### Quote Chief Marc Norris

"Our sincere thanks to the community for your generous support of our Boots for Food drive; it is rewarding to see our residents come together to help those in need by supporting the Salvation Army and Society of Organized Services. My thanks to our members for your volunteer support of this event."

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