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Parksville Fire Rescue 2022 Food Drive

Once again, Parksville Fire Rescue's Fill the Boots for Food drive was a huge success thanks to the generosity of the community. Firefighters were at locations throughout Parksville. A total of \$85,353.90 in cash for the Salvation Army food bank was collected over the weekend along with new unwrapped toys for the Society of Organized Services. Craig Bay residents stepped up again donating \$55,355 in cash and 2,692 pounds of food.

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

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

- **Society of Organized Services (SOS)** is gratefully accepting donations for its Caring for Community at Christmas program. The program provides special gifts for local children and youth, and grocery store gift cards are provided to families, adults and seniors so they may choose food that is meaningful to them over the holidays. 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 during the same hours at the SOS Community Services Centre in Parksville (245 Hirst Avenue West) and at Qualicum Commons (744 Primrose Street, Qualicum Beach).
- **Salvation Army** food bank donations are accepted at 886 Wembley Road, Monday to Friday from 8-11.30 am and on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 1-3.30 pm.

Quote Chief Marc Norris

"On behalf of Parksville Fire Rescue members, my sincere thanks to the residents of the Parksville Fire Protection Area for your generosity and for the support of Canadian Tire, Save on Foods, Thrifty's, Quality Foods and BC liquor stores. Captain Mark Adelborg and our members should be extremely proud of the results and the difference their efforts continue to make in our community."

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