

THE SALVATION ARMY'S

# Ryde Christmas Cheer



**This Christmas, The Salvation Army, Ryde is on a mission to bring hope to over 1000 people in the local community who are isolated or struggling.**

We will be bringing hope this Christmas in the following ways:

1. **Hope through GIFTS** – Through The Salvation Army's national partnership with Kmart, we are the beneficiary of donated gifts from the Kmart Wishing Tree. Each family, who comes to Ryde for support, can select presents for their children from our Christmas Toy Room.
2. **Hope through CONNECTION** – For most, Christmas is a time of family and celebration, but for many others it is incredibly lonely. The Salvation Army believes that no one should have to go it alone, so we will be bringing connection through our free Christmas dinner for all Ryde community members on Wednesday night, 21 December.
3. **Hope through TUCKER** – Families in need who come to Ryde will be given a Christmas hamper to allow them to celebrate Christmas Day with their loved ones. Hampers will include \$80 worth of items, including Christmas bon-bons, pudding and custard.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Help us ensure all families can enjoy Christmas day by holding a hamper drive in your office in the month of November. We need workplaces to rally together to help us fill Hampers for people in need. You'll be given a shopping list (to ensure all Hampers are consistent), Salvation Army hamper bags, as well as a gift card so your team can write a lovely Christmas message for the recipient.

As we need to ensure we have enough Hampers for people in need, we'd love your workplace to commit to filling a minimum number of Hampers. Contact us to discuss how many you can take on.

Each hamper will cost around \$80 to fill and will bring hope and joy at Christmas to those in need. Once your team has finished packing, we can arrange for someone to pick up the Hampers by Friday 9th December and say a big 'thank you!' to all involved.

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## HAMPER SHOPPING LIST



### TINNED FOODS

(Ring-pull tins preferred)

- Fruit in juice
- 2 x Variety of vegetables (corn, peas, carrots etc.)
- Tomatoes
- Fish (tuna or salmon)
- Soup (can or packet)

### MEAL BASES

- Packet of pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Bag of rice

### OTHER

- Cereal (oats, muesli or Weetbix)
- Spread (jam, honey, peanut butter or Vegemite)
- Bottle of cordial or long life juice (fruit flavoured)
- Carton of long life milk
- Coffee
- Tea
- Chocolate powder (Milo or Nesquik)
- Jelly crystals

### CHRISTMAS EXTRAS

- Long-life custard
- Gravy (traditional)
- 1 x Christmas product (Christmas cake, mince pies, pudding etc.)
- Bon-bons
- Bag of lollies
- Bag of chips (corn chips or other variety)
- Salsa
- Bottle of 1.25L soft drink variety
- \$10 'Groceries Only' gift card from Coles or Woolworths

**THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR SUPPORT!**

### TIPS

- All products need to be non-perishable as we don't have the facilities to refrigerate hampers
- Please stick as closely as you can to the shopping list so we can ensure each family is given the same hamper for Christmas
- Don't forget to write a Christmas message on the gift card attached to each hamper
- Each hamper will cost around \$80 to fill. Team up with a colleague to fill a hamper between you. You can even challenge other departments to a hamper drive competition!

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