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Community Bulletin

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Comox Valley Airport Fundraising for the Christmas Spirit Hamper Program

Once again the Comox Valley Airport is pleased to lend its support to the Coast Realty Group's Christmas Hamper Program. YQQ has "adopted" three families in need of support over the holiday season and the airport's staff, volunteers and tenants will be donating non-perishable food items, toiletries and gifts to create personalized hampers that will help make the holiday season special for these families.

"Some special members of our staff initiated our participation in this program and we are proud to support their efforts to help local families who may be struggling at this time of year," said YQQ CEO Fred Bigelow. "It is great to see our airport family pulling together to help out a great cause."

YQQ is also collecting cash donations to cover the purchase of perishable items such as turkey, bread, buns, milk, fruit and vegetables. The Comox Valley Airport Commission will match all cash donations received. The hampers and funds will then be donated to the Hamper Program's warehouse on December 17 to ensure a special delivery by Coast Realty Group volunteers on December 22, just in time for Christmas.

"Our adopted families have a total of 14 children between them, so we are hoping there will be a lot of smiles on Christmas morning when they find some special gifts under the Christmas tree," said Bigelow. "These kids can concentrate on listening for sleigh bells on the roof and their parents can depend on having food on the table to go along with those presents that Santa delivers."

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The Coast Realty Group started the Sharing the Christmas Spirit Hamper Program in 1998, with approximately 70 hampers donated to families in need that year. Since then, the program has grown significantly with 600 hampers filled last year! The Comox Valley Airport, along with area schools, groups and individuals help to make the program a success every year.

For information on how your organization can get involved in the Christmas Spirit Hamper Program, phone the Hamper Hotline at: 250-897-3999 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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