

## Thanks, King, you did it again!

Christmas in King is coming to a highly successful conclusion to a busier than ever season. Over 200 people were assisted to have a merry Christmas, and even late registrations were accommodated.

This is about 10% more than last year. Each year we offer the opportunity for people to choose the gifts they wish along with the option of a fresh turkey, fresh tree and hamper of festive foods.

The community that is King rose to the occasion with donations of trees from Black Forest Nurseries, turkeys from Round the Bend Farm, honey from Pioneer Brands, and Christmas items for hampers from Ganz Canada. There was support from almost every church congregation in King, many individuals, businesses, and Villa Nova College, as all of them purchased gifts to donate and made white box hampers of festive foods for those registered for this program.

The Township of King provided much needed space for warehousing; in spite of our weather it was cozy and warm inside!

In addition, a number of churches, schools, businesses and organizations are supporting the King Township Food Bank with over a ton of food, along with PC food cards, cheques and cash. Our thanks go to the King Fire and Emergency Services, who are making daily trips to collect from all over the Township to deliver to the depot, and a team of Kettleby Village residents are checking the loads in and packing them away for distribution in the coming months.

Indeed, the need has never been greater, and all will be put to good use. Can't prove it yet, but it seems the response has never been greater, as well.

Both organizations are entirely volunteer; Christmas in King operates as a committee while King Township Food Bank ([kingtownshipfoodbank.ca](http://kingtownshipfoodbank.ca)) is incorporated and a registered charity. Needless to say, there is close partnership between the two, as they serve ? for the most part ? the same families.

We wish you all a Christmas that is filled with love and joy, and may 2014 bring an abundance of blessings, chief amongst them being the best of health.

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