



Tsleil-Waututh Nation səlilwətał



səlilwətał Christmas Hamper and Toy Drive – Fundraising Appeal Letter

November 2024

Dear Friends, Neighbours, and Partners,

səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation) is launching our 2024 Christmas Hamper and Toy Drive to support our Members during the holiday season. Our campaign is inspired by one of our most important cultural values: ʔə́ y sqʷeləwən (pronounced “aytz-squal-owen”).

ʔə́ y sqʷeləwən translates as “good feelings” in our language. When we use this word, we are recognizing that each of us has gifts to share, and that we are committed to caring for one another and treating our people with the dignity and respect they deserve as human beings.

In the spirit of ʔə́ y sqʷeləwən, we invite our valued friends and partners to support our campaign to bring the joy of the holiday season to səlilwətał families. We are in particular need of monetary donations so that we can purchase an array of food items for Christmas Hampers to ensure every household on our reserve can gather around the table, spend time with family, and enjoy a celebratory meal.

We hope to include gifts of new toys and clothing for boys and girls aged 10 to 18 for families in need. Toys and clothing can be dropped off at the **Community Development office at 3075 Takaya Drive, North Vancouver, from 8:30am to 4:30pm** and cash donation options are below.

All gifts are welcomed with gratitude. We are aware of our shared financial pressures in these challenging times and are especially grateful that our community is still able to find resources to bring happiness to our children and families.

hay ce:p qə (thank you), in the spirit of the season and the spirit of ʔə́ y sqʷeləwən,

Community Development, on behalf of səlilwətał Chief and Council

Monetary Donations:

Cheque: Payee: Tsleil-Waututh Nation, 3178 Alder Court, North Vancouver, BC, V7H 2V6.

Attn: TWN Finance Dept.

Direct Deposit: Transit #: 03920. Institution #: 003. Bank account #: 1012947

Interac e-transfer: Recipient: Tsleil-Waututh Nation. Email: accounting@twnation.ca

Please include your legal name, address and reference to the 2024 Christmas Hamper and Toy Drive appeal with payments. Tax receipts can be issued on request for donations over \$20.00.

Questions? Contact the TWN Finance team at 604-929-3454, Mon-Fri, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm