

PRESS RELEASE

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Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows Christmas Hamper Society

FIREFIGHTERS FOR FAMILIES

On December 12th from 10am – 4pm, Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows Fire Departments will hit the pavement “shaking their boots” for two local charities. Our local heroes will be manning nine locations from the Pitt River Bridge to East Maple Ridge at 240th and Dewdney Trunk Rd. and will be collecting toys, food and cash which will be donated to Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Christmas Hamper Society and Friends In Need Food Bank who both care for financially disadvantaged families at Christmas time and year around. The locations in Pitt Meadows are IGA, Superstore (both doors), Starbucks (Meadowtown Centre) and Signature Liquor Store (Meadowtown Centre). In Maple Ridge the locations are Save-On-Foods (both locations), Safeway, Coopers Foods, Haney Place Mall (South centre mall entrance) & Valley Fair Mall (London Drugs).

Firefighters for Families first hit the streets in 2002 with both local Fire Departments calling in all their troops to volunteer their time (On Call, Career and Youth Academy firefighters) to help our local families. They are extremely proud of their efforts over the past six years and to date the program has raised a whopping total of \$84,993.

You have probably all heard the expression “ It takes a village to raise a child” with the basic meaning that raising a child sometimes is a communal effort and that the responsibility lies not only with the parents, but also with the extended family and in some cases, the community. Children in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows will be safe this Christmas season and coming months as they will not feel the pain of hunger or sadness of a bleak Christmas due to community donations.

On December 12th between 10am – 4pm, please come out to support the efforts of Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows Fire Departments.

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