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Let Georgetown CRC youth help you wrap up your gifts

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The leaves are gone and the white stuff's hitting the ground. Many in our community are doing last minute shopping. At Georgetown Christian Reformed Church (CRC) that signals the season for gift-wrapping at the Georgetown Market Place.

The Youth Group of Georgetown CRC raises funds with gift-wrapping. This keeps the price reasonable on youth mission trips, conventions and spiritual retreats. The kids wrap after school and on Saturdays as per their school schedules. Other members of our church fill up the rest of the shifts. This is a great opportunity to serve the community with free wrapping and raise funds with any donations. We love it.

Over the last number of years we have donated large sums of the funds raised to different community causes including the Georgetown Hospital CT scanner drive, the Bread Basket, the Poppy

Fund, Links2Care, and CASHH which we are again supporting with a donation this year.

In the past five years your donations have supported youth mission trips to the Dominican Republic and Belize. Last summer a group of youth and adults travelled to Corozal Town to do construction on Concepcion Presbyterian School. We mixed and laid all the concrete for the floor of an auditorium, tiled, and painted the walls. This has created a gathering space within their community and given the kids great pride and confidence in their school.

We appreciate your support. With your donations you are changing lives locally as we pay forward a large portion of your donations to a community cause. You're changing youth's lives at our church, enriching them with opportunities to think more globally and to serve. And you are touching communities around the world when we represent Georgetown on our service trips. Thank you! We could not do this without your support.

That's a wrap.



Local resident Sarah Tuninga (left) completed her shopping for Christmas on Monday afternoon at Georgetown Market Place and decided to support a good cause at the same time. The Georgetown Christian Reformed Church has set up an area outside Bergsma's Paint & Wallpaper at the Market Place where they'll wrap gifts for the holidays in exchange for a free will donation and church member Jade De Kleer put the finishing touches on Tuninga's to-buy-for list. For the past two decades, the Reformed Church has provided the service, with approximately \$8,000 in proceeds going to its Youth Program each year.

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