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## Still time to play Santa for needy of community

Sun-Tribune drive helps 22 families

BY SIMONE JOSEPH  
 Staff Writer

You have already made a difference in the lives of needy local families.

The Stouffville Sun-Tribune and its sister publications in the York Region Media Group are raising money for their Santa Fund and requesting donated items to make the wishes of local families come true.

Many people have already dropped off gifts and monetary donations, said Carrie MacFarlane, circulation supervisor for the papers' Stouffville and Markham offices.

But there is still time to make a donation.

Donations need to be dropped off by Dec. 22 and everything will be delivered by Christmas Eve.

The fund will benefit 22 Stouffville and Markham families.

Each family submits a wish list that can include items such as baby clothing, household items, hats and mittens.

Clothing donations in all sizes as well as popular toys and other gifts for all age groups are still needed.

The YRMG Santa Fund began in 2001. As part of the program, every family receives a box of household items that includes dish soap, shampoo, towels, toilet paper and a voucher for a

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## THURSDAY FOCUS

THE LAUGHING OLIVE BISTRO SERVES MORE THAN \$5 MEALS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



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Lance Foeller (from left) as sous-chef, instructor Bill Edmondson, Nicole Burdette and Rose Wolfe fill orders at the Stouffville District Secondary School's kitchen. The meals are served for \$5 in the adjoining bistro to students and staff members. The program is in its third year.

## Careers, life skills, good chow on menu

BY SANDRA BOLAN  
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Teaching a group of teenagers how to make a meal that goes beyond ripping open a box that was just pulled out of the freezer and waiting three minutes for the microwave to beep, not only provides students with the life-long skill of cooking.

It also gives them an opportu-

nity to work as a team and tickle their taste buds with new flavours.

Two years ago, Stouffville District Secondary School launched its culinary arts program, which not only teaches students in grades 10 through 12 how to cook nutritious meals. Perhaps more importantly, the program provides students, who do not necessarily learn the best while sitting behind a desk, a venue to learn teamwork and communication.

See video report from  
*The Laughing Olive*  
[yorkregion.com/news/Video](http://yorkregion.com/news/Video)

"The life skills is the most important thing," Bill Edmondson, the program's co-ordinator, teacher and professional chef said.

Tucked away on the main floor of the high school is the Laughing Olive Bistro, which is where students and faculty come for home-

made meals made by the culinary arts students five days a week throughout the school year.

The school, which opened last year on Hoover Park Drive, was built with an enlarged cooking section due to the popularity of the courses.

The kitchen is shared with the cafeteria, which provides these

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