

SUN-TRIBUNE FUND

You can be Santa this Christmas

You can play Santa again this Christmas, Stouffville.

The York Region Media Group's — including the Stouffville Sun-Tribune — South Santa Fund has provided 180 families with a Merry Christmas during the past decade.

"Last year alone, we helped 30 families savour the joy of the Christmas season," Santa Fund co-ordinator Tyler Duncan said. "Thirty families with children who might not have had anything under the tree on Christmas morning,"

Volunteers from YRMG's newspapers are asking the community for monetary donations to help cover a family wish list, as well as new clothing or new unwrapped toys.

All of the donations go directly to families being helped by Yellow Brick House or the Canadian Mental Health Association.

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The deadline for donations is Dec. 10. (Used items are not being collected.)
Donations can be dropped off at the Stouffville Sun-Tribune office, 6290 Main St. in downtown Stouffville, or the Markham Economist & Sun/ Richmond Hill Liberal office, 50 McIntosh Dr., Unit 115, Markham (off Woodbine Avenue).



Donations can also be made online at www.gofundme.com/yrmgsouthsantafund

Volunteers will be collecting money at the Markham, Stouffville and Richmond Hill Santa Claus parades.

"We want to ensure each family we help has a warm coat and pair of boots to get them through the cold winter," Duncan said. "People don't realize that while we live and work in an affluent area, there are many in our community on hard times. A small gift might not be able to 'save' anyone. But everyone deserves a Merry Christmas."

Together with its north offices, the York Region Media Group is supporting 95 families through a number of local agencies, including Blue Door's three homeless shelters, Welcome Centre and St. Vincent de Paul.

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