

Lions Club donates \$25,000 of toys to needy children

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Fifty families in Stouffville will have toys for their 125 children this Christmas, thanks to the Stouffville Lions Club.

The club's Christmas Basket Project has been ongoing for 50 to 60 years, said president Richard Fronske. What began as a food drive turned into a toy drive as the club worked in co-operation with the Whitchurch-Stouffville Food Bank.

"We found there were quite a few needy families in town that need help at Christmastime with toys," Fronske said. "The town's been really generous, we've got so much stuff, we're loading up boxes as much



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The Stouffville Clippers Major Bantam AA team donated toys to the Lions Club toy drive.

as we can right now."

The club has received donations from the Stouffville Clippers Major Bantam AA, Giant Tiger, the Mayor's Community Fund and private donors. In total, it has accumulated \$25,000 of toys.

The club has used two rooms in town offices - the Ringwood Room and the Vivian Room - to sort and

distribute the toys. Fronske says there are 30 tables that are full.

The club also receives wish lists from children and tries to match toys with the lists.

Families started picking up toys from town hall Dec. 20. Toy drive donations received after Dec. 20 will be collected for local charities.

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