



News from the
York Regional Police
Whitchurch Stouffville
Community Sub-Station

YRP COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Holiday Heroes Food & Toy Drive, Holidays in the Village, Spread Festive Cheer

By Jill McWhinnie

In 2008 York Regional Police launched its Holiday Heroes initiative for monetary donations as well as donations of new toys, clothing, gift cards, and food for York Region families in need of assistance to enjoy a brighter holiday season.

Since its inception the drive has raised over \$1 million in donations. Holiday Heroes takes place this year from November 16 to December 18, with donations accepted at the Stouffville Substation at 111 Sandford Drive in the Town Offices building on Monday through Friday from 10 am - 6 pm.

Substation employees are also personally committed to the spirit of the program, having 'adopted' three local families with children whose Christmas wish list will be granted by these local Holiday Heroes.

On Saturday December 5th from 1 pm - 4 pm the community is invited to Holidays in the Village at the Community Safety Village located at Bruce's Mill Conservation Area, 3291 Stouffville Road. Festive fun will include tours of the decorated village, hot chocolate and treats, horse and wagon rides, a visit with Santa and multicultural entertainment.

To help ensure that drivers and passengers all arrive safely to their holiday destinations, YRP has launched its annual Festive Season Enhanced RIDE program.



(Left to right) PC Adam Daviduke, Nikki Desrocher, Mary Proteau and PC Steve Vlcko await your donations for the York Regional Police Holiday Heroes initiative.

Galapagos Getaway



Dr. Bob Boadway shares the good news from Stouffville with an attentive tortoise in Ecuador's Galapagos Islands during a recent trip to the centre of the world. Julie Boadway photo.

The theme of this year's program is #ImTHATPerson, encouraging the community to speak up against impaired driving and stop drivers who choose to get behind the wheel impaired by drugs or alcohol. Check out the YRP website at www.yrp.ca for more information and tweet that you will "be that person who won't drink and drive".

A reminder that if a driver witnesses bad driving on our roads, including unsafe lane changes, disobeying stop signs or traffic lights, a report may be made to Roadwatch. This report process may be used where no collision occurred, the driver is not known to the reporting driver and the suspect's licence plate and a brief description of the

car has been obtained. The Stouffville substation currently has 30 active Roadwatch complaints. For more information about accessing the Roadwatch system go to www.yrp.ca - Neighbourhood and Community Programs - Roadwatch.

Once you have safely arrived at your destination, YRP are reminding citizens to "lock it or lose it." A professional thief can steal a car in 30 seconds. Always lock car doors and windows and never leave a vehicle running unattended. Never leave valuables or packages in full view, especially at this time of year.

On behalf of everyone at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Community Substation we wish you a safe and happy holiday season.

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