

Made by Momma

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS



Every Momma
wants their
children to
have a
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

BECAUSE EVERY CHILD DESERVES A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Every year, many Calgary families must face the Christmas season scared, sad and stressed. Made by Momma has always supported families who are going through the pressure of a serious illness, post-partum depression, sick children, job loss or other forms of crisis. The past two and half years have been a true challenge for so many people – even charities! Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of families requiring support has continued to grow. As a result of the war on Ukraine, Made by Momma is also seeing an unprecedented number of newcomers and refugees seeking help. Further, the cost of living has seen a dramatic increase, with groceries alone costing an average of 11% more than 2022. Statistics Canada reports that more than 20% of Canadians expect to obtain food or meals from community organizations like Made by Momma within six months.

This year more than ever before we are going to need the help of our community to make sure struggling families are supported through the holidays.

ADOPT-A-MOMMA FOR CHRISTMAS

This incredible program helps Calgarians who do not have the means to create a Merry Christmas for their children. Families in need are matched with generous sponsors - families, businesses or organizations - who take on the responsibility of providing a magical holiday for the family. We ask Moms or Dads to complete a wish list of needed items to make shopping simple and gifts meaningful. Fully sponsoring a family costs approximately \$200 per person for the Christmas hamper, which includes gifts, grocery gift card, treats, and more.

SANTA'S WORKSHOP

If sponsoring a full family is too large of a financial or time commitment, please consider supporting Santa's Workshop, a special program, that helps families who are not registered with Adopt-a-Momma. The workshop is stocked with new unwrapped books and toys for all ages, new children's clothing, pyjamas, gift certificates for family activities, and gift cards (grocery, gas, toy or department stores, etc.), as well as some thoughtful gifts for moms and dads. Moms and Dads will be invited to visit the workshop in person and empowered to choose the gifts for their loved ones that will bring the biggest smiles on Christmas morning. Santa's Workshop welcomes families who were not adopted and whose unexpected health or financial stress or other crisis has prevented them from being able to create their own magic for their children. Our goal is to ensure that every child wakes up on Christmas morning with special gifts to open.

HOLIDAY FOOD HAMPERS FROM OUR 12 CANS TILL CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

Please help fill a hamper for a family in crisis this Christmas! Our hope is to ensure that every family we help in December receives a non-perishable Holiday Food Hamper, including a grocery gift card to purchase a turkey and fresh veggies. Between now and Christmas, we challenge every one of our supporters to consider adding some of the items from our Holiday Food Hamper Checklist to their own grocery shopping trips and join our "12 CANS Till Christmas Food Drive" challenge on [Facebook!](#) When you're ready, drop off your donations to the Made by Momma Resource Centre. We know it takes a village, and together, we CAN help every family set a full table this year.

A GRATEFUL MOMMA



"Our family wants to thank you from the bottom of our hearts, because you truly made a Christmas that was surrounded by tragedy so much happier with the thoughtfulness you put in to our gifts, including the thought you put into my animals! My kids loved each and every gift that you picked, and everything served a purpose which I thought was amazing because it was useful and thoughtful! Everyone was so friendly and kind, and we appreciated all of you so much"

(Christmas 2023 Program Recipient)

CONTACT US

For more information, to participate in any of our Christmas programs, or to arrange a donation drop-off time, please contact

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MadebyMomma.org/Christmas



Made by Momma is a volunteer-run, donation-driven, impact-focused grassroots non-profit organization and registered Canadian charity located in Calgary. We help families facing situations of adversity and crisis by providing healthy homemade meals, wholesome baked goods, baby essentials, children's items, supportive in-home visitors and other services to allow struggling mothers the time they need to rest, recover and focus on their families and their health. Because sometimes mothers are the ones who need to be taken care of.

15 YEARS



VOLUNTEER-RUN



DONATION-DRIVEN



IMPACT-FOCUSED