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## **"THE GRINCH" GIVES BACK – AT THE SURREY CHRISTMAS BUREAU!**

## Entering the final stretch before Christmas, the "mean one" and Crime Stoppers urge everyone to consider donating a toy or gift that will create a smile

**Surrey, B.C. (December 12, 2023):** To make amends for his past transgressions and become a better example to others, "The Grinch" has changed his ways, bringing the team from Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers to the Surrey Christmas Bureau. They brought toys and other gifts for children in need, and Mr. Grinch urges others to do the same as the clock ticks down to the big day.

The Surrey Christmas Bureau has been collecting donations since opening last month but remains in need of a good push of donations in these final weeks leading up to Christmas.

"You'll find some great ideas of what's needed most from our <u>Christmas Wish List</u> posted on our website, but this year we're especially in need of gifts for girls, and teens," says Lisa Werring, Executive Director of the Surrey Christmas Bureau. "That means gift cards, headphones, portable chargers, and personal grooming items including



blow dryers, hair straighteners and shavers. These, or any other thoughtful gifts will make a big difference for someone this Christmas."

Also welcome are science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) toys. Some good examples are listed on the bureau's <u>blog</u>.

"We took The Grinch up on his invitation to join him in supporting the Surrey Christmas Bureau, knowing that donating gifts will make a huge difference for families in need," said Linda Annis, Executive Director of Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers. "We're lucky to have the Surrey Christmas Bureau in our community so many more people have the chance to enjoy the season. Christmas is for giving, and we at Crime Stoppers hope everyone considers making a donation."

Donations may be left day or night at any fire hall in Surrey, or they can be taken directly to the Christmas Bureau's Toy Depot from 9 to 5 at the former Canadian Tire building in Central Surrey (13665 – 102 Ave) which has been generously provided for us to use this year by Anthem Properties Group.

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