



## **News Release**

For Immediate Release

### **Operation Christmas Tree Underway**

**Corunna, Ontario** – The Optimist Club of Moore is heading into their 36th year of Operation Christmas Tree, an annual holiday food and toy collection program for local less fortunate families.

Once again this year, our headquarters will be at the OPP Emergency Services Building in Corunna. We are open week days from Nov. 21 to Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 Am to 3:00 Pm.

Operation Christmas Tree assists approximately 125 local families every holiday season. Each family receives a non-perishable food hamper, and a food voucher. Families with young children also receive a toy hamper, containing new toys, books and clothing, all matched to the children's ages. The holiday hampers help all families in St. Clair Township Ward1 (Corunna, Courtright, Mooretown, Brigden, and surrounding areas), to have a happier Christmas. The community is asked to drop off non-perishable food items, cash or new toys. Optimist volunteers will gladly accept all donations.

The Optimist Club of Moore is happy to coordinate Operation Christmas Tree each year. This event has a one-year planning cycle, which culminates after four weeks of donations that include huge support from the schools in Mooretown, Courtright, Corunna and Brigden, plus an OPP drive through event. This is followed by a sorting period, and the final hamper delivery to local families by the volunteer fire departments from Brigden, Corunna and Courtright, and the Knights of Columbus. We couldn't pull this off without the help of our strong community partners, and generous local residents. Volunteers, donors, and our program partners all enjoy having a chance to give a family a wonderful Christmas, it's all in the holiday spirit.

#### **Register to receive a hamper at:**

St. Vincent DePauls, 385 Lyndoch St., Corunna

*November 13-18, and November 20-25, Between 9:30am - 4:30pm*

**Please join us for the events listed below:**

#### **EVENTS**

##### **Operation Christmas Tree Kick-Off and Poor Boy Luncheon**

Royal Canadian Legion, 350 Albert St. Corunna

*Thursday, November 16, 11:30am - 1:00pm*

##### **OPP drive through with Santa.**

Corunna OPP Office, 392 Lyndoch St. Corunna.

*Saturday, December 9h, 10:00am-2:00pm.*

For further information, please contact:

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