

## *Blueridge Bulletin*

### *Special Edition - Blueridge Cares 2022*



#### **We're at it again!**

Once again the Blueridge elves are full steam ahead with the Blueridge Cares Initiative!

What is the Blueridge Cares Initiative? Well, it's a chance for residents of Blueridge and Seymour Heights to help families right here in our neighbourhood have a happier holiday season. As we all know, the last few years have been very difficult due to the pandemic, inflation, and other issues. And as always happens, some families are affected more than others. Blueridge Cares is a chance to reduce the stress of the holidays for those in our community that need a helping hand.

How does it work? We have a confidential form that families in need of extra support can fill out. We ask you to share the support you need to make the holiday season less of a challenge. Then after a brief chat to confirm the details, we create a list of items (gifts for the children, grocery gift cards, etc) that we purchase or get donated. Then we put it all together and deliver everything to the families just before the holidays.

If your family could use extra support this year or you know someone that can use our help, please fill out the confidential form linked below and we will reach out to find out how we can help.

If you're wondering how you can help, we have many ways to make that happen. Without your support we can't make Blueridge Cares a success! Here are just some of the ways you can contribute to the cause:

- Volunteer!
- Donate funds or reach out to us to donate a new item on our shopping list.
- Get your holiday shopping done through our [Purdys fundraising campaign](#). Deadline is the 27th of November.
- Join in with our reverse advent calendar program for the month of November.
- Spread the word!

You can learn more about each item listed above in the sections below, and also on [our website](#).

Last year we helped 6 families and a total of 21 individuals. We hope to provide the same amazing support this year as well!

**Thank you Blueridge!**

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## How To Request Help

Requesting help from the BCA this holiday season is simple. We've created a confidential form that lets you give us the needed details. Once we have those we'll contact you.

[Click Here To Request Holiday Assistance from the BCA](#)

Please note:

- We will be limiting our support to those living in Blueridge/Seymour Heights (see [the map](#) if you're not sure) thanks to the need and our limited resources.
  - We encourage anyone in need of continuous support to look for help with other more equipped programs, and we have prepared a list of organizations that might be helpful at any time. See the ***For Those In Need*** tab on our [Resources page](#) for that information.
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### **Volunteer with Blueridge Cares!**

We need help approaching businesses to ask for donations, shopping for gifts, wrappings gifts and delivering them.

If you wish to donate new items, send an email to [info@blueridgeca.org](mailto:info@blueridgeca.org) to get the list of items we need and to coordinate dropping your purchase off.

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### **Get a jump start on your Christmas shopping by ordering your Purdys Chocolates through the Blueridge Campaign**

For every purchase you make through our Purdys fundraising campaign (link below) a percentage (up to 25%!) goes directly to the Blueridge Cares initiative.

Save yourself the hassle of shopping at the mall! You can pick your order up from Ruth's house the first week of December or if you can't get out we can deliver it to you.

Our order closes on November 27th.

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Use this order link to apply your order to the Blueridge Cares Initiative:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1412363-97590>

You can see the [Purdys Seasonal Catalogue](#) (pdf) before you order.

So go through your Christmas list and get your shopping done early this year!

And remember, ***Everybody Loves Purdys!***

Questions? Please email or call Ruth Hanson.

604-880-5936 Cell (and text)

[RuthHanson@shaw.ca](mailto:RuthHanson@shaw.ca)

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### **Donate!**

Your contributions all go to making the holidays better right here in your neighbourhood!

Etransfers can be sent to Ted Bancroft – our diligent BCA treasurer – at [tedb85@gmail.com](mailto:tedb85@gmail.com).

To contribute by cheque, email us at [info@blueridgeca.org](mailto:info@blueridgeca.org) so we can coordinate collection or drop off.

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Either way, Thank you!

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**This year we are also trying something new – a [Reverse Advent Calendar!](#)**

With local food banks being stretched thin already this year, more donations are needed. We've prepared an example [Reverse Advent Calendar](#) which suggests you set aside a food item for donation each day for a month. At the end of November the entire donation will be gifted to our families in need. Additional

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Reverse Advent Calendars will be donated to local food banks.

If you wish to participate, please email us ([info@blueridge.org](mailto:info@blueridge.org)) and we can drop off a donation box. At the end of the month we can collect it from you as well!

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### **Wrapping It All Up**

Thanks you for your support. This program makes a difference in the lives of our neighbours and friends, and it helps show who we are as a neighbourhood.

**We wish you all the happiest of holiday seasons!**

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### **Keep In Touch**

There are many ways to keep up with the neighbourhood, the BCA, and (of course) Blueridge Cares.

We're on: [Instagram](#) - [Twitter](#) - [Facebook](#)

Our Website: <http://blueridgeca.org/>

[Blueridge Neighbours Facebook Group](#)

[Blueridge Breakout Network Facebook Group](#)

Got questions? Send us an email: [info@blueridgeca.org](mailto:info@blueridgeca.org)

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**Thank you, and we'll see you next time!**



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