



The Salvation Army Oakville's Christmas Assistance and distribution provide support with food hampers and toys, and special assistance programs like our Pathway of Hope. These programs are funded by the Christmas Kettle Campaign, which raises money locally to support community needs throughout the year. In addition to Christmas Assistance, we also offer other forms of aid, such as special programs for grieving families, adult and youth programming, including camp, and community events.

Key aspects of the Christmas distribution

Christmas Assistance: These include food hampers for holiday meals and toys for children, distributed to families who apply for assistance. Those applicants are served by appointment only.

- **Christmas Kettle Campaign:** This annual fundraising drive uses kettles at various locations across Oakville to collect donations. Funds raised stay in the local community to support these programs.
- **Pathway of Hope:** This is a strengths-based case management program that assists families and individuals experiencing poverty to break the cycle of crisis and instability. It provides intensive, individualized support to help participants set and achieve short and long-term goals related to areas like housing, employment, financial management, education, and spiritual well-being.
- **Community support:** The funds raised help address a range of needs, including food, shelter, and other essential services, with demand increasing in recent years.

Contact The Salvation Army Oakville:

- **To receive assistance** and to find out how to apply for the Christmas Assistance program.

- **To volunteer** to ring a bell at a Christmas Kettle location by contacting your local Salvation Army facility, or assist in Christmas Assistance distribution.
- **To donate** to a Christmas Kettle at a participating store/location, such as Walmart (which has partnered with the campaign to match donations). Directly at the Oakville office at 2270 Speers Rd. Donations can also be made online through the Salvation Army website www.oakvillecommunity.church