

The Bishop's Stortford Salvation Army

Toy Appeal 2019

Dear Friends,

As you know, each year we have been involved with providing toys and gifts for families in Bishop's Stortford and wider, across East Herts, who are involved with intervention teams.

Until last year the families were allocated by their workers to either; Bishop's Stortford Salvation Army or Ware Salvation Army, based on postcode.

Due to Ware being closed earlier in 2019, Bishop's Stortford is now the only Salvation Army in East Herts.

Despite being a small group, the commitment was made to continue to help ALL the families across East Herts meaning we could expect up to 100 families to be referred.

With an average 2-3 children per household, this is quite a challenge to provide for likely over 300 children. And so we approach our friends in local churches to see if anyone would like to donate a toy or two?

We are always so grateful to you for all of the support and donations we receive all year round, we are never prevented from helping someone in need because someone, somewhere has already often provided the funding for us to do the work we do. Sincere thanks!

'The Entertainer', Jackson Square, ran an appeal for us in 2018 where customers could purchase in their store, specifically for the local Salvation Army, and these toys were matched by the owner. This scheme is due to run again at our local store Friday 1st November until Saturday 16th November and so maybe you can support this if you are able?

What we seek to provide is the following for every child:

All children aged 0-12 years:

- A toy
- A book
- A chocolate or sweet item (over 4 years)
- A craft
- Something Extra

All Children aged 13-15 years:

- A £10 'one-4-all' voucher
- Something to open i.e. socks or toiletries
- A chocolate or sweet item

All Children aged 16-18 years:

- A £15 'one-4-all' voucher
- A chocolate or sweet item

We also like to be able to send a soap box to each parent or guardian in a household which the children wrap with their workers.

Each family also receives:

- Wrapping paper and cello tape so that the parents can wrap the gifts for the children themselves.
- And, where possible, we send a game that the whole family can play together.

We do need all items to be new and sealed to avoid disappointment for the children on the day.

If people would like to help us in our endeavour, as so often people kindly have in previous years, and help provide toys for children across Bishop's Stortford and into East Herts then toys can be taken in to:

The Salvation Army Charity Shop
(FAO Captain Megan Kervin / Toy Appeal 2019)
32A South Street
Bishop's Stortford
CM23 3AZ

(By Saturday 14th December 2019)

Or we have a special church service:

Sunday 8th December at 10.30am

The Markwell Pavilion, Castle Gardens, Bishop's Stortford

Where toys can be brought along in a familiar 'harvest' style festival. All are welcome to attend but I understand that many of you will be engaged in your own services at this time.

If you would like more information then please contact me:

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