

October 22, 2023



Dear Sisters & Brothers,

Last Christmas there were no locals on strike. OCC was still able to get out and support many families partnering with local outreach (shelters, community hamper drives, food banks) organization.

OCC is proud we were able to help people facing hardship and in need in Ottawa Shelters last Christmas. Individual bags of necessitates were delivered which included items we tend to take for granted like, feminine products, toothbrushes, soaps, socks, hats/mitts and more. Lot's cheer, support and words of encouragement were delivered and so many worthwhile organizations benefited greatly from your kindness and generosity!

From the bottom of our hearts and on behalf of **200 FAMILIES** who benefitted from your kindness, compassion, and generosity... **THANK-YOU** for your ongoing support of Operation Christmas Cheer! 2023 will mark our 20th Christmas on picket-lines!

The last few years has shown us what's important in our lives – our family, friends, work-life-balance, fair wages, benefits, equality and so much more. What we have learned is that we are all in this together, we want and deserve better from employers and together... YES... we can make a difference!

Hope for improved working conditions and fair wages is strong! Unions will continue to lead the way and fight for a brighter future for all Canadians! **Some of these battles will be fought on picket-lines across the province this Christmas.** Operation Christmas Cheer will be there to help raise spirits, spread your notes and words of encouragement making sure NO union family goes without this Holiday Season!

As the Christmas quickly approaches, we are respectfully asking for your support. We are reaching out and compiling a list of all Ontario locals on strike/lockout. **We expect MULTIPLE locals (large and small) to be walking picket-line this Christmas!**

There are families in need in every local. OCC is here to help any union family within your local who needs a boost this Holiday Season. If you are aware of a family who could use a helping hand this Christmas – **Please, just reach out in confidence and OCC will work with you to send the family some cheer.**

Every Christmas, OCC hopes for the best and prepares for the worst – all locals that announce strikes/lockout before the Holiday's... OCC will reach out and work with them to provide support to their members.

**All updates and Locals will be posted to our website and fanpage;
OperationCheer.com**

[Facebook.com/OperationChristmasCheer](https://www.facebook.com/OperationChristmasCheer)

All monetary donations collected are used to purchase items for our Christmas Food Hampers, gifts, and grocery gift cards (from unionized grocery stores) for union families facing adversity over the Holidays. Every dollar raised and gift cards donated goes directly into the hands of our Sisters and our Brothers walking picket lines, to union families struggling to make ends meet and to other important grass roots organizations that may need a little bit of help too.

Thank You for helping to make sure Christmas will be a little bit brighter for so many families this Holiday Season! If you'd like to volunteer and help us sort food hampers and make deliveries when the locals and picket-line locations are announced... we'd LOVE your help!



Please make any donation cheques payable to:

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHEER

and mail cheques or courier gift cards to:

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To volunteer some time or if you have any questions... please do not hesitate to contact me directly, in confidence, at (613) 301-2988 or email: casandra@operationcheer.com.

YOU are **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHEER** and without your support we would not be able to do what we've done the past 20 Christmases!

Thank You ❤️ in advance for your ongoing support and for always being there. **You are the reason no family walking a picket-line will go without over Christmas Holidays!**

Stay Safe, Healthy and Keep on Fighting for a Better World that we ALL deserve!

In Solidarity,

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