



November 3, 2021

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

Last Christmas was hard but together with You, WE did it! From the bottom of our hearts and on behalf of over **220 FAMILIES** who benefitted from your kindness, compassion, and generosity in 2020...

THANK-YOU for your ongoing support of Operation Christmas Cheer!

Thrilled to report that even during a pandemic... OCC was able to support every picket line in the province of Ontario! **3 LOCALS - CUPE 5257, SEIU 2 & Workers United 1304 SEIU Affiliate** had members on strike last Christmas over the Holidays. Every family received grocery gift cards, personal gift cards, and all **139 children** received toys.

OCC was also able to provide 1000+ toys for Ottawa Toy Mountain who was facing a devastating shortage for families in need. Many donations of necessities have been regularly delivered to Ottawa food banks helping with shortages of feminine products, toothbrushes, soaps and more.

Let's cheer, support and words of encouragement were delivered to Ontario picket lines and so many worthwhile organizations benefited greatly from your kindness and generosity! Regrettably there is no Picket-Line Press or pictures to share with you for 2020 but we promise to make up for it this year ❤️!

The pandemic 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 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. OCC is working on updating our "out-of-date & not-mobile-friendly" website. With a little luck... it should be live by the time you read this letter 😊

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 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

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!



Please make any donation cheques payable to: ♪

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHEER

and mail cheques or gift cards to:

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If you have any questions or would like to have some cheer delivered to a family... 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 18 Christmases.

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

Stay Safe, Healthy and Keep on Fighting for a Better World!

In Solidarity,

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