



## RAIDERS CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CHALLENGE - 2023

Dear Coaches and Managers,

As mentioned in our November Newsletter, the Raiders Hockey Club is extending a challenge to all of our teams to engage in our *Raiders Christmas Community Challenge*. As we enter into the holiday season, many of us as individuals, and families, know that we have much to be thankful for and know that we are fortunate to have all that we do. As an association we also know that we are fortunate and have much to be grateful for, including being a part of an amazing hockey community. Raiders Hockey Club is challenging each team to give back to the greater community and believe that there is no better time to do so than the holiday season when so many of us are excited and have lots to look forward to, while knowing that not everybody is as fortunate, including some of our very own Raiders families.

Each team is being asked to engage in an activity or initiative that will positively impact others in our community in some way, shape, or form. Whatever it is the team decides to do should be done as a collective and should be age appropriate for the players. Initiatives or activities can include fundraising/donating to a charity meaningful to the team, donating time and energy to support an important cause, helping others in need, or simply lifting the spirits of those around us. Examples of such activities could be donating to the food bank, adopting a family for the holidays, being snow angels for the community, putting packages of necessities together for those in need, volunteering as a team at various charitable organizations or events, baking cookies and delivering them to the local seniors home, or making cards and dropping those off as well, or ultimately, whatever else the team feels will make a positive impact on their community! The following link can also provide ideas: <https://ycthree.com/supportcalgaraiansthischristmas/>.

Teams are asked to truly consider age-appropriate activities and be sensitive to the emotions of players when engaging in elements of our community that expose the hardships that others may be facing. As well, as mentioned, we know that the holidays may be a challenge for some of our own players and we want to be sensitive to their feelings and needs. In this spirit, teams needing support in considering appropriate activities for their players can reach out to our Director of Communications, Nancy Lisi, and she can work with you to consider possibilities and options.

Finally, once teams have completed their activity or initiative, we would like you to share with us what you have done and why, and we hope to document and share your contributions on our social media channels and on our website. Teams are asked to send in photos and a few sentences explaining their activity to [director-communications@raidershc.ca](mailto:director-communications@raidershc.ca).

We cannot wait to see the positive impact we can have on our greater community when we all come together in our own small ways and engage in the spirit of giving.

Raiders Hockey Club  
Community Liaison Committee

