

January 7, 2021

Report to the Regina & District Labour Council
RE: The Christmas 2020 Project

Greetings Members,

As my final action as the Christmas Sub-Committee Chair I am pleased to report to all affiliates that the District Labour Councils annual Christmas giving was not stopped by the COVID-19 pandemic that has reduced so many of our regularly scheduled activities, both within the Council and beyond.

Under the direction of the Christmas Sub-Committee, & as earlier reported to the Council at last months general membership meeting, I had discussed with the Principal of Cornwall Alternative School on the needs of both the school & it's students.

The District Labour Council was able to assist Cornwall Alternative School with a donation to the winter maintenance fund for the school's recently received donation of a new van. This van is used to drop off schoolwork kits to all students during the pandemic shutdown of their facility & it will continue to be used to transport students to & from school once in-school instruction can resume. Our donation covered the cost of new winter tires. And, on Friday, December 13, 2020 I delivered to the Cornwall Alternative School gift stockings which went home with each student on the last day of in-school classes before the Christmas holiday/school shutdown. Each student received a stocking stuffed with Christmas candy, candy cane reindeers for their entire family & gift card to be used at any of the following stores: Superstore, Great Canadian Wholesale, Independent Food Stores, No Frills in the amount of \$60. The decision to purchase gift cards for these particular set of stores was made with the guidance of the Principal of Cornwall Alternative School, to ensure that the students & their families would be able to access cost-effective items that would meet their household budget. As previously reported to the RDLC, many of the students & families of the Cornwall Alternative School were identified as struggling with food insecurity on a regular basis & this years Christmas giving assisted students & their families in December. Below is a recent update I received from Eunice Cameron, Principal of Cornwall Alternative School:

"Just a note to let you know that I was interviewed on CBC 3 times and CKRM. I told them how great it was for our students to have the support of the Council to help make their Christmas better. For some of the students, we gave the cards to the parents/ guardians and for those who needed support, the staff took the student out to do the shopping for the family. I have some pictures if you are interested. Again, thank you for helping to make this time of year better for our students."

Eunice Cameron
Principal/CEO
Cornwall Alternative School

The Sub-Committee reports to the affiliates of the RDLC that this years Christmas Project costs are as follows: Donation to Van Winter Maintenance \$ 1416.09 & Costs of Gift Stockings \$1941.63 for a total of \$3357.72.

On behalf of the Christmas Sub-Committee members: Jeff Sweet, Tina Millar, Daniela Furkert, Nathan Brietenbach, Kathy Szarkowicz & Marg Romanow I respectfully submit this final report to the membership of the Regina & District Labour Council. Out of respect for the students & families of the Cornwall Alternative School, I will be declining Principal Eunice's kind offer of photos and will share with her the kindest regards of the affiliates of the RDLC for the safety of their students & staff in their efforts in 2021.

Sincerely,
Dodie Ferguson,
Christmas Sub-Committee Chair