



# Tsleil-Waututh Nation səlilwətał



## **səlilwətał Christmas Hamper and Toy Drive – Fundraising Appeal Letter**

**December 2025**

Dear Friends, Neighbours, and Partners,

səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation) is launching our 2025 Christmas Hamper and Toy Drive to support our Members during the holiday season. Our campaign is inspired by one of our most important cultural values: ʔə̀y sq̣ẉeləwən (pronounced “aytz-squal-owen”).

ʔə̀y sq̣ẉeləwən translates as “good feelings” in our language. When we use this word, we are recognizing that each of us has gifts to share, and that we are committed to caring for one another and treating our people with the dignity and respect they deserve as human beings.

In the spirit of ʔə̀y sq̣ẉeləwən, we invite our valued friends and partners to support our campaign to bring the joy of the holiday season to səlilwətał families. We are especially in need of monetary donations to help us purchase a variety of food items for our Christmas Hampers, ensuring our community can gather together, share a festive meal, and celebrate this special season.

We are also collecting new toys for children and youth ages 0 to 18 for families in need. **Toys can be dropped off at the Community Development Office at 3075 Takaya Drive, North Vancouver, between 8:30am and 4:30pm. To ensure everything is ready for the celebration planned for December 8th, we kindly ask that all donations be made by December 5th. Monetary donation options are listed below.**

All gifts are welcomed with gratitude. We are aware of our shared financial pressures in these challenging times and are especially grateful that our community is still able to find resources to bring happiness to our children and families.

**hay ce:p q̣ə (thank you), in the spirit of the season and the spirit of ʔə̀y sq̣ẉeləwən,**

Community Development, on behalf of səlilwətał Chief and Council

### **Monetary Donations:**

**Cheque:** Payee: Tsleil-Waututh Nation, 3178 Alder Court, North Vancouver, BC, V7H 2V6.

Attn: TWN Finance Dept.

**Direct Deposit:** Transit #: 03920. Institution #: 003. Bank account #: 1012947

**Interac e-transfer:** Recipient: Tsleil-Waututh Nation. Email: [accounting@twnation.ca](mailto:accounting@twnation.ca)

Please include your legal name, address and reference to the 2025 Christmas Hamper and Toy Drive appeal with payments. Tax receipts can be issued on request for donations over \$20.00.

**Questions?** Contact the TWN Finance team at 604-924-4180, Mon-Fri, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm