

Have you started Christmas shopping yet? The Scope helps with a few gift ideas

Thinking outside of the gift box

by Michelle Minnoch

With the holiday season fast approaching, some are still unsure of what they should give their loved ones. If you are looking to give a present that really gives, a gift from the World Vision catalogue may be what you are looking for.

"The items are purchased from the area to help support the local economy," said Tiffany Baggetta, Communications Officer at World Vision Canada. This also helps World Vision keep the costs down in order to optimize donated funds.

It its sixth year, the

World Vision catalogue is a personal gift many people turn to year after year. Not only does it help others in need, it also is a unique gift that can be given at any time of the year, for any occasion.

In the 2005 catalogue, some of the top ten gifts people bought were two hens and a rooster (\$50), one piglet (\$30), supplies for a classroom (\$50), warm clothing for 25 children (\$30), one goat (\$100) and ten fruit trees (\$60). There are more than 20 countries that benefit from the program.

"We have a wide variety of items available in our catalogue to help a child and a family," said Baggetta.

She says while a goat is a great supply of milk for a family, it can also help the family with an income for the sale of milk as well. Purchasing a rabbit is a great gift because they can have up to 20 babies per year, which will supply more food for a family.

"With the World Vision program, everything that is purchased goes to a community where World Vision is working."

According to a Ipsos

Reid/World Vision poll conducted from May 30 to June 1 2006, 51 per cent of people surveyed felt they wish they had not spent so much money on gifts last year and a bit more on charitable giving. This year, one in three Canadians plan to include charitable gift giving in their holiday plans this season. Eight in ten stated they would have rather received a charitable gift than the traditional socks and sweaters.

In 2005, 17,799 Ontario residents purchased 42,218 gifts valued at over \$3 million for World Vision.

Within Canada, 56,000 people purchased more than 145,000 gifts valued at \$10 million from the catalogue.

World Vision also has stocking stuffer ideas, which are gifts that can be purchased for \$30. They include three warm blankets, three soccer balls, hygiene kit for a child, vitamin A for six children, or antibiotics for ten children.

Gifts can be purchased for \$50 (a bee keeping kit which can have a year round income) and can go up to \$600 (this will buy a house for a family in Mongolia as well as tools and training).

"This is an amazing institution Canadians have embraced," said Baggetta. "The gift giving gains momentum every year."

While he holiday season is the peak time for gift giving from World Vision, people can donate throughout the year, and can give these gifts for birthdays and anniversaries.

Gifts ordered from the World Vision catalogue com with a photo and a description of the item purchased.

For more information, go to www.worldvision.ca or call 1-800-268-5528.

Help out the MURF campaign and get your name on a seat

For a donation of \$300.00, individuals or businesses can now sponsor a seat in the large 1,000 seat arena in the new Innisfil Recreational Complex. Sponsors will have their names inscribed on a nametag plate mounted on the seat. The name could be an individual's, in the name of a business or sports group, or in honour or memory of someone special.

Availability is on a first come, first serve basis and the Town will be responsible for the placement of the plates. The name on the seat is not the sponsor's actual seat. A specific seat and/or location of "seats" cannot be chosen, but will be placed randomly

as determined by the Town. A maximum of 20 seats per donor allowed. The Town will reserve the right to approve the name to appear on the seat nametag.

The term for the seat nametag is for a 10-year period.

Tax receipts to adhere to CCRA guidelines.

Payment plan options are available for the purchase of four seats or more.

Contact the campaign office at 436-6145 for more information



How about a great coffee table book

Of course, there is nothing better than a great hard cover book sitting on your coffee table that visitors thumb through.

The Scope does not mind at all endorsing Farms of Innisfil: Chores, Challenges and Changes.

This historical reference to Innisfil's farming industry is a great buy for the price of \$40. The stories, anecdotes and pictures are a great addition to any library.

For residents, reading the stories of how it was 'back in the day', is truly eye opening.

There will be copies of the book for sale on Monday's and Thursday's at The Knock School House between 1pm and 4pm until December 21st.

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TENDER NUMBER 2006-2007-211T

Prequalification submissions have been reviewed, and invitations to tender have been accepted by the following companies:

General Contractors	Phone	Fax
Bertram Construction & Design	(705) 726-0254	(705) 721-0366
J.J. McGuire General Contractors	(905) 683-4463	(905) 683-4475
Melloul-Blamey Construction Inc.	(705) 792-5023	(705) 792-6971
Monteith Building Group Ltd.	(705) 719-1355	(705) 719-1455
Percon Construction Inc.	(905) 795-1117	(905) 795-8329
Shertine Construction Ltd.	(705) 444-0667	(705) 444-0533

Mechanical Contractors	Phone	Fax
Carlmor Mechanical	(705) 726-6024	(705) 721-1729
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Sanet Mechanical	(905) 264-2012	(905) 264-2013
Sexton s Mechanical Limited	(705) 728-4040	(705) 728-4046
Simcoe Mechanical Contracting	(705) 326-9501	(705) 326-0829
Soan Mechanical	(519) 455-1530	(519) 455-1104
Western Mechanical Electrical	(705) 737-4135	(705) 737-1765

Electrical Contractors	Phone	Fax
Abercrombie Electric Co. Ltd	(705) 728-5509	(705) 728-5644
Accel Electrical Contractors Ltd.	(905) 738-6970	(905) 738-5770
C. Georges Electrical Inc.	(705) 722-0421	(705) 722-4145
Minnings Electrical Service Ltd.	(705) 322-1307	(705) 322-0722
Pentor Electric	(705) 549-5078	(705) 549-3706
Wallwin Electric	(705) 726-1859	(705) 726-8450
Walker s Electric 2000	(705) 526-7825	(705) 526-9282
Wayne Spears Electric Limited	(705) 445-1364	(705) 444-5311

General Contractor tender submissions, enclosed in a sealed envelope, shall be submitted to the reception desk, at the Simcoe County District School Board, Education Centre, 1170 Highway 26, Midhurst, Ontario, L0L 1X0 before:

1:30:00 p.m. local time, Thursday, December 21, 2006

Tender documents will be available for pickup by General Contractors at the office of Saccoccio Wepler Architects Inc., 215 Morrish Road, West Hill, Ontario, telephone (416) 282-1197, after Monday December 4, 2006. Tender documents will also be on display at the Construction Associations of Barrie, Orillia and Toronto and the Simcoe County District School Board.

A mandatory site viewing for General Contractors has been arranged for:

Wednesday, December 13, 2006 at 10:30 a.m.

General Contractor tender submissions shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the amount of \$350,000.00 and an Agreement to Bond for a 50% Labour and Material Payment Bond and a 50% Performance Bond.

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

Debra Edwards
Chairperson

K. Gordon Campbell
Director of Education