

ORDER YOUR
"OPERATION GOOD THING"
KITS OR SACKS

- By fax: (416) 383-1447 or tel: (416) 383-1229 ext. 308 or online www.youthunlimitedgta.com
- Complete the purchase form and mail with your cheque or credit card information to Youth Unlimited.

PURCHASE ORDER

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ P.C. _____

Daytime Phone # (_____) _____

How did you hear about this project? _____

Group Name (if applicable) _____

of Participants _____

Please send me: _____ (Qty) O.G.T. Street Pack Kits (\$23.00 each)

Please send me: _____ (Qty) O.G.T. Street Pack Kits + Book (\$30.00 each)

Please send me: _____ (Qty) O.G.T. Personal Pack Sacks (\$13.00 each)

Please send me: _____ (Qty) O.G.T. Personal Pack Sacks + Book (\$20.00 each)

Enclosed is a cheque for \$ _____
(Please make cheques payable to: Youth Unlimited "Operation Good Thing")

VISA MasterCard AMEX

Card # _____

Exp. _____ Signature: _____

Enclosed is a donation (not an order for kits and sacks) - to be used for the project as you see fit. \$ _____

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Youth Unlimited (Toronto YFC)

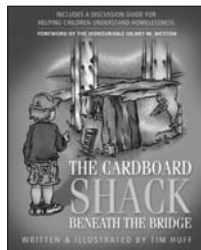
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other simple options

- ◆ **Single Items** - Simple and significant. No item on the street is as consistently in demand as a good sleeping bag. For so many, that single item is home. On its own, or when paired with an older sleeping bag and blankets, there are days in winter when a sleeping bag is absolutely priceless. If you are simply able to take the time and money it costs to purchase a new sleeping bag – assured it will reach someone who needs it most – it can mean so much. Likewise, socks and gloves are always needed on a regular basis.
- ◆ **O.G.T. Sponsorship Gift** - Although this initiative is designed for participation, we know there are many who are not able to practically do this. It can also be difficult for those living great distances from Toronto. Gifts of funds made payable to Youth Unlimited, designated to O.G.T., will be used to further the impact of this Christmas season's O.G.T. drive.
- ◆ **Emergency Fund** - Perhaps you or your group would be interested in helping teens in crisis throughout the year. Consider a contribution to our "Emergency Fund." Your gift would go towards alleviating critical material needs of youth with whom our staff are involved. Make your cheque payable to Youth Unlimited and indicate on it that it is to be used for the "Emergency Fund." This donation is tax receiptable, for all gifts of \$10.00 or more.
- ◆ **Youth Unlimited's Light Patrol** - Light Patrol sends specialized teams of street-workers to the streets on a regular basis. Outside of the highly significant O.G.T. options, "gently used" items (such as boots, jackets and blankets) are welcome. For more information go to: www.lightpatrol.ca



"The Cardboard Shack Beneath the Bridge"
Helping Children Understand Homelessness

This year Castle Quay Books released a special children's book, written and illustrated by Tim Huff:

- A book can be ordered with each kit for an additional \$7.00
- Additional books can be ordered for \$10.00 each through Youth Unlimited. (An excellent Christmas gift for children of all ages.)

SPECIAL THANKS TO:



Special arrangements for multiple purchases for OGT contents can be made by contacting Jody at the Bargains Group (416) 785-5655 or jody@bargainsgroup.com or www.bargainsgroup.com.



HOCKEY FOR THE HOMELESS - An annual one-of-a-kind tournament to assist street-relevant agencies in their care and service among youth and adults who are homeless. www.hockeyforthehomeless.com.

It is our privilege to gather the completed "Operation Good Thing" packages and bring them to our friends serving with the following innercity street-outreach agencies (where they will be carefully distributed).

SKETCH

[SANCTUARY]



YOUTH UNLIMITED



Street Youth Outreach



EVANGEL HALL



Yonge Street Mission's
EVERGREEN

THE SCOTT MISSION



"As a Christian agency, we believe in the unlimited potential of youth and are committed to helping them wholistically, both personally and spiritually, by providing caring people to whom they can turn."

- John H. Wilkinson, Executive Director, Youth Unlimited (Toronto YFC)

Six drop off locations

Listed below are 6 locations throughout the Greater Toronto area where you can drop off your completed package. "OPERATION GOOD THING" packages should be dropped off no later than **Wednesday, December 19, 2007.**

A list outlining precise addresses and times when packages can be dropped off at these locations will be sent out with each "Operation Good Thing" kit ordered.

- ◆ **DOWNTOWN**
Walmer Road Baptist Church
- ◆ **CENTRAL DVP AREA**
Youth Unlimited Office
- ◆ **WESTON**
Weston Park Baptist Church
- ◆ **SCARBOROUGH**
Parkway Bible Church
- ◆ **MISSISSAUGA**
Erindale Bible Chapel
- ◆ **NORTH TORONTO**
Muskoka Woods Toronto Office



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this is a christmas picture too!



CHRISTMAS 2007



OPERATION GOOD THING
is a special project for you, your family, office, youth group, classroom, church or community group.

Look at your photos of Christmas' past. What memories do they bring? What anticipation arises?

Imagine if this brochure's cover picture was your Christmas photo. It tells a priceless story, just as yours does.

We warmly invite you and yours to be a part of changing this picture and all those just like it.

Please read on to consider this opportunity to extend compassion, respect and grace – in the same way you might hope others would if you found yourself in a tragic situation uniquely your own. OPERATION GOOD THING (O.G.T.), now in its thirteenth year, exists to create awareness, awaken compassion, and spark meaningful action from those who believe that we all have an important part to play in caring for those who currently call the streets "home".

In the Greater Toronto Area alone, there are thousands of visibly and hidden homeless youth and adults who come from small towns and big cities across Canada. A sleeping bag, gloves and socks are not the answers to the overwhelming issues of homelessness that face our city, or our country. But when provided for the right reasons, in the right spirit, and distributed by the right people, they certainly can be part of making the larger miracle of

transitioning from survival on the streets to a healthy and safe life. By bringing immediate care and a message of hope to the streets of Toronto, with a high degree of dignity, O.G.T. solicits practical, meaningful and greatly needed items. Supplied by concerned and

caring participants, such as you, they are distributed by experienced, trained staff and volunteers from agencies focused on youth and adults who are homeless.

One of O.G.T.'s key purposes is to affirm, advocate for, and assist several credible street-outreach agencies as they care for those in great need. Priceless relationships with those on the streets are formed and/or deepened as caring workers spend time with the recipients of your carefully thought-out gifts. Over the long-term, these special relationships often assist people in gaining the confidence, resources and ability to leave the street and start anew.

We are asking you to join Youth Unlimited and the O.G.T. partnering agencies, as we consider "our" friends on the street.

Wishing you all the very best this Christmas season,



Tim Huff,
Director, "Light Patrol" and
Homelessness Initiatives, YU



John Cassells,
Associate Director,
"Light Patrol", YU



The O.G.T. Street Pack has been the centre piece of the Operation Good Thing project since it began thirteen years ago. Thousands of completed O.G.T. Street Packs have been distributed to homeless youth and adults at Christmas over the years.

The list of items required to fully complete an O.G.T. Street Pack is precise and detailed and has been designed in consultation with our city's most experienced street workers. Ideal as a small group, youth group, office group or family project – those participating in preparing a full pack are asked to fund and shop for the items required.

The feedback about the O.G.T. Street Packs has been overwhelming. What an amazing help it is to those spending long winters on our city streets! Likewise, so many who have given of their time and money preparing the packs have felt it was so very meaningful, as they considered the items required and the lives they might touch...and as they have reflected on how they have personally been blessed in life, while giving sacrificially.

OPTION 1 - O.G.T. Street Pack

where do you start?



1. Decide how many O.G.T. Street Packs you will fill.

2. Order Operation Good Thing Street Pack kits.

- An O.G.T. kit consists of a water resistant O.G.T. duffel bag, an easy-to-read New Testament Bible and a page of "Helpful Hints" with purchase ideas for those participating. You will need to purchase the number you plan to fill.
- All "Operation Good Thing" kits can be ordered by calling our automated tel. line: (416) 383-1229 ext. 308 or by fax: (416) 383-1447 (VISA, MC or AMEX accepted) or at www.youthunlimitedgta.com. Pre-ordering will help us plan distribution.
- "Operation Good Thing" kits will be mailed out upon receipt of your cheque or credit card information.

3. Gather funds, plan and make your purchases.

4. Receive your Operation Good Thing Street Pack kits (allow 2 weeks in the mail, or pick up at the Youth Unlimited office) and meet with your group to assemble the packages.

5. Deliver the assembled packages to the nearest drop-off location (listed on the back of this brochure) by: Wednesday, December 19, 2007.

CONTENTS OF O.G.T. STREET PACK

- ◆ New sleeping bag - brand new, solid or dark colours preferred, still wrapped if possible, ones that come with a carry bag, decent warm ones are appreciated
- ◆ New pair of gloves - (not mittens) preferably one-size-fits-all, water resistant types are best – solid, mid to dark colours if possible. This item would be good to wrap in real Christmas paper as a gift to open
- ◆ New pair of socks - for an average sized adult, grey sports socks are ideal
- ◆ New toque (hat) - brand new, mid to dark colours, one-size-fits-all
- ◆ Bar of soap - and a travel soap container
- ◆ Tooth brush - and a tube of toothpaste
- ◆ Hair brush - (not a comb)
- ◆ Flashlight - small, disposable types are best (with no batteries)
- ◆ Book of restaurant gift certificates - for a restaurant that is common and easily accessible – a simple place where take-out is an option ie: McDonald's, Harvey's, Wendy's, Tim Horton's
- ◆ Chocolate bar - plain chocolate (no nuts) – to be placed at the top of the contents of the package so it is not crushed
- ◆ Candy cane - a good size, that will not easily break – a nice Christmas treat
- ◆ Book mark - placed in the Bible (that comes with the kit you've ordered), marking the page that tells the Christmas story (ie: Luke chapter 2) – homemade ones welcome
- ◆ Christmas card - something with a simple message of hope and love, perhaps a kind personal message, written in care but not in pity – signed anonymously "Merry Christmas from a friend" (or friends)

\$ 23.00

• An "Operation Good Thing" kit ordered from Youth Unlimited (includes mailing expenses, and project administration costs)

\$23.00 (plus \$7.00 optional = \$30.00 to include special children's book. See back panel for more information)

\$ 115.00 (approx) • ITEMS TO FILL THE BAG as listed

OPTION 2 - Personal Pack

Along the same premise as the O.G.T. Street Pack is the O.G.T. Personal Pack. However the financial expense is less, providing another option for those who desire to participate in giving.

Simply order an O.G.T. Personal Pack sack (details on the purchase form section of this brochure), shop for the items listed, assemble them in the sack, and drop off your kind and helpful gift at one of the drop off locations (also listed on this brochure).

*NOTE: Before shopping for and assembling the items, please choose to prepare a sack for a male or female, with a specific age and size (of your choice) in mind – and shop accordingly. We will provide a label for you to fill out and attach to the outside of the sack, that will help ensure it reaches an appropriate recipient. (ie: adult-male-extra large, senior-female-small, teen-male-medium...etc.).



CONTENTS OF O.G.T. PERSONAL PACK

PLEASE INCLUDE

- ◆ Two or three new pairs of socks
- ◆ Two or three new pairs of underwear
- ◆ Hair brush (not a comb)
- ◆ Tooth brush & toothpaste
- ◆ Two bars of soap (and a travel soap container)
- ◆ Package of cough drops/throat lozenges
- ◆ Two travel packages of facial tissue
- ◆ Two rolls of lifesavers
- ◆ Book of restaurant gift certificates (ie: McDonald's, Tim Horton's...)

(ADDITIONAL OPTIONS)

- ◆ Feminine hygiene products
- ◆ Skin lotion
- ◆ Small package of band aids
- ◆ Chap stick or lip balm
- ◆ Fingernail clippers

It is important that a high level of dignity and care is the basis for giving. We would ask that all items be brand new.

\$13.00

• An O.G.T. Personal Pack sack ordered from Youth Unlimited (includes mailing expenses & project administration costs)

\$13.00 (plus \$7.00 optional = \$20.00 to include special children's book. See back panel for more information)

\$ 40.00 (approx.) • Items to fill the sack (as listed)