



Happy Holidays

With the holiday season now in full swing, the Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers Association and our member farmers want to wish our community good tidings and joy as yet another year comes to a close. For many, this has been a challenging year, and it reminds us of the need for growing and giving even as the flurries begin to fall. There are many organizations in our community that can use help and generosity this time of year, and we sincerely are committed to giving back to the communities we serve. This year, we have chosen to provide for five families through the Salvation Army's Adopt-a-Family program. In the spirit of the season, along with our friends in greenhouse floral farming, we have made a donation to the Plentiful Harvest Food Rescue Program. This program works to reduce hunger by rescuing large quantities of food, fresh and prepared, for packaging and redistribution to the neighbours in need in our community including: Windsor-Essex, The Food Bank of Waterloo Region, The Mississauga Food

Bank, Thunder Bay Regional Food Distribution Association, Sarnia's The Inn of the Good Shepard, and the Daily Bread Food Bank. We also encourage our members and the community to continue support of Hogs for Hospice, with their holiday 50/50 draw. Tickets can be purchased <https://hogsforhospice.com/50-50-raffle/>, and start at just \$10 for 5 tickets.

Our member farms also take the season to increase their generosity. Nature Fresh Farms has created a program this year, where members of the communities where their farms are located could nominate families that need some additional help over the holiday season. They will be easing the holiday food costs of 35 families, 20+ families located right here in the Windsor Essex region, and provide them with a \$200 Food basket and a \$500 Loblaws gift card.

This season there are so many ways to support members of our community, however, our local businesses have been through challenges as well. Our friends from Tourism Windsor-Essex have put together an amazing local guide to gifting that can be downloaded here: <https://visitwindsoressex.com/holiday-gift-guide/>. There are so many amazing local producers and shops in our area that a gift received from is sure to delight friends and loved ones.

There is no better way for us to show how proud we are of our local producers and creators than to support local this holiday season.

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This holiday season, and all winter long, Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers will continue to grow fresh, nutritious veggies for Ontario families

Many of our greenhouse farms have amazing websites and social media accounts filled with inspiring recipes that can help you include fresh, local produce in your holiday meals and beyond.



To our friends, family, colleagues and community, we at the OGVG and our member farms want to wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season.