

# More than 600 residents helped

From front

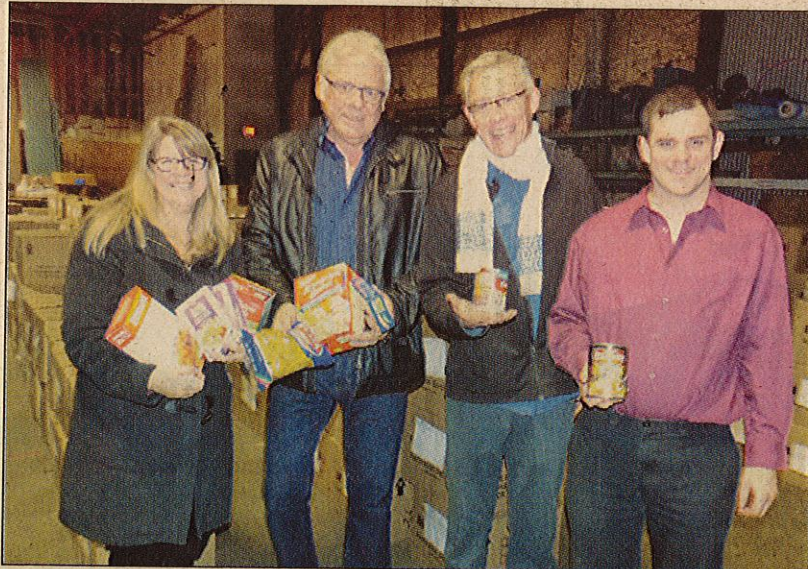
the size of the family, in order to help them through the holidays.

Children also receive toys. Donations are arranged in a toy room, where, on hamper pick-up day, parents can pick out age appropriate gifts and clothing.

Tens of thousands of dollars in cash and food donations are needed in order to assemble enough hampers to meet the community's growing need.

It takes the combined effort of local churches, schools, businesses, community organizations, and individuals to make it happen.

"We took the time this year to go around and thank many of the key players who help



JENNIFER LANG PHOTO

**Trish and Kevin Lunder, and Jim Heving of the Cloverdale Christmas Hamper program, along with Sean Rouge of the Surrey Association for Community Living, pictured in the warehouse at Pacific Community Church, where volunteers spent a week sorting donations and assembling enough hampers for families in need.**

this program year after year, and presented with with thank-you plaques," Lunder said. "So many people help

make this Cloverdale program successful." The majority of the 375-plus donation boxes set up through-

out the community were dropped off at local elementary and secondary schools. High school students

do the heavy lifting when it comes to collecting non-perishables. Clayton Heights Secondary almost doubled the amount of food raised over last year, Lunder said.

The school's wood-working class donated custom-made wooden toys.

The hamper program was founded by Jacob Schuurman and his wife Ida, who ran the program for 17 years. Kevin and Trish Lunder have acted as program leads for the past four years.

The Lunders expressed deep gratitude to everyone who got involved this year, and included special thanks to the CCHP team (see "Ending 2014 on a Happy Note," Jan. 1), including toy room coordinator Lisa Vandermeer.