

Community Kitchen to benefit from event at Fraser Downs Racetrack

Chamber, casino partner for Christmas toy drive

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The Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce and Elements Casino have joined forces to put on a Christmas toy drive.

“This holiday season we wanted to give our valued members and our neighbours an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children in Cloverdale – the community where we live, work and play,” Scott Wheatley, executive director of the chamber, said.

The toy drive will be held at Elements Casino on Sunday, Dec. 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

According to a press release, anyone who drives up and donates a toy between 10 a.m. and noon will get a

toy drive is a family-friendly event, with Jolly Old St. Nick putting in an appearance in the afternoon. Kids 12 and younger will also get free brunch.

Wheatley said when the Chamber was tossing around ideas about what sort of events they could do to help the less fortunate, they knew they wanted to bring in Elements.

“We have a longstanding relationship with Elements Casino,” he said. “(We) know how much they support and give back to our community. It made sense to partner

holiday this season,” Michael Worth, Elements general manager, said.

Wheatley said he hopes the inaugural toy drive will become an annual event.

“We aren’t sure what to expect (this year), but so far, everyone we have shared our idea with is very supportive and excited to have a toy drive right here in our backyard.”

Cloverdale Community Kitchen is to oversee the distribution of the toys, and Wheatley asked that all donations be of new and unwrapped toys valued at \$15

“It made sense to partner together to make sure every child in Cloverdale has a toy this Christmas.”

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