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**Businesses, organizations in Hampton giving back this holiday season**

**Hampton, VA** - It's the season of giving and several Hampton-based businesses and organizations will be hosting food drives, toy drives, and more for the holidays. These philanthropic events help to support the Coastal Virginia region. From helping to eradicate food insecurity to ensuring that countless children have a jolly Christmas, these businesses and organizations are proud to be meeting various needs in the community. Residents and visitors alike are encouraged to participate.

**Winter Wonderland Holiday Celebration**

**December 16, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**Mary W. Jackson Community Center  
231 Lincoln Street**

The Winter Wonderland Holiday Celebration will bring families together while giving children 12 and under the opportunity to take a picture with Santa, receive a toy, and enjoy festive activities and music.

This is a toy giveaway for children 12 and under. Toy donations are accepted. Online registration is required at [www.hampton.gov/register](http://www.hampton.gov/register)

**7th Annual 249 Ninja Toy Drive & Food Giveaway**

**December 17, 11 a.m.-4p.m.**

**Phoebus High School  
100 Ireland Street**

It's that time of year again! We're hosting our 7th Annual 249 Ninja Toy Drive & Food Giveaway. This event was started in the back room at North Phoebus Community Center and has grown into one of the largest holiday events on the Peninsula.

We'll continue the tradition of giving and provide a safe place to have family fun. There will be games, food, a live DJ, raffles, gift giveaways and much more. This is an event you don't want to miss. We welcome all families to participate and will need volunteers leading up to and on the day of the event.

**Bowman's Soul in the Wall Coat & Sock Drive**

**November 20-December 20**

**Bowman's Soul -N-the Wall  
1899 Armistead Avenue**

Drop off your gently used or new coats and socks at Bowman's Soul-N-the Wall between

November 20-December 20. On Christmas morning, the restaurant will be feeding those in need. Additionally, Bowman's will be doing a canned food drive in January to benefit the Virginia Peninsula Food Bank. For more information on these efforts, please call (757)826-7685.

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Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the award-winning Hampton Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement, the site of the first arrival of Africans in English North America, and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Science Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.