



EDMONTON TOY RUN ASSOCIATION

Making a difference in the lives of children since 1984

NEWSLETTER

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Monthly Update

Hello Edmonton Toy Run Members!!!

It is hard to believe we are only a few days away from Christmas. I hope you and your families have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!!

Thank you for supporting the 41st Annual Edmonton Toy Run. It is because of supporters like you that the Edmonton Toy Run continues to be successful.

2024, saw over five hundred people participate in our event to collect toys and monetary donations to help make a difference in the lives of children/youth in the Greater Edmonton Area.

This year, with your help the Edmonton Toy Run made significant contributions to organizations in the Greater Edmonton Area.

- We donated **\$50,000.00** in toys and cash to Santas Anonymous to help them achieve their mission of all children receiving a gift during the holiday season.
- The Edmonton Toy Run started an Adopt – A – Teen program with a donation of **\$1,000.00** to the Old Strathcona Youth Society.
- We donated **\$1,500.00** to the Fort Saskatchewan Multicultural Association in support of their back to school and holiday programs.
- The Edmonton Toy Run donated over **\$200.00** in candy to the McCauley Community “Safe Halloween Event”.
- A donation of **\$1,000.00** was made to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Edmonton in support of their after-school programs.
- New to 2024 the Edmonton Toy Run created a new and sustainable way to give back and enrich the lives of community members. The Edmonton Toy Run created a Bursary award. At the September 22nd event the Edmonton Toy Run presented its first **\$1,000.00** “Edmonton Toy Run Bursary”.
- Another first for this year, was the ability to ensure toys collected in the Sherwood Park Area stayed in the Sherwood Park Area – these toys (approximately **\$300.00**) were donated to the Strathcona Christmas for distribution during the holiday season.
- We are also Sponsors of the 40th Annual Blackjacks Christmas Day dinner.

This year, Edmonton Mayor Amerjeet Sohi proclaimed September 22nd, 2024, as “Edmonton Toy Run Day”.

It is hard to believe the Edmonton Toy Run has been making a difference in the lives of children since 1984. 2, 3 or 4 wheels, it does not matter. What matters is – we come together as a community to make a difference in the lives of our children.

Again, our success is only possible because of the support we receive from the Greater Edmonton Community and our friends and family like you.

2025 has some very cool and interesting events planned.

April 12th - \$10,000 giveaway!!! Make sure you get your tickets today; they make a great Christmas present.
<https://edmontontoyrun.org/store/ols/products/motorcycle-dream-raffle---10000-gift-certificate-towards-the-purchase-of-your-dream-bike>

Help us sell this lottery out; please like and share the Facebook page.

100% of proceeds go directly to Santas Anonymous.

FYI, not public knowledge yet, the YEG MOTORCYCLE Show returns April 10-13th, details to follow.

April 12th, we give away the \$10,000 towards the motorcycle of your dreams!!! This will take place at Blackjacks, and we are having a concert; BC/DC will be performing, and you have the first crack at tickets; we will let you know when they go on sale. Rumor has it there might even be a trip for two to go see AC/DC the following week in Vancouver!! Tickets to the show, airfare, and accommodation are included. You will be notified prior to the public. As they always say... Membership has its privileges.

In 2025 we will have 3 Bike Nights, 1 poker run, and a mid-summer concert that will be another one for the ages!!!!.

The date for the 42nd annual Edmonton Toy Run – September 21st, 2025. Will you join us?

Thank you for your support!

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Jay Padilla

Planning Committee Chair



2024 Bursary

The Edmonton Toy Run has been making a difference in the lives of children in the Edmonton area since 1984. New to 2024-25, the Edmonton Toy Run has created a new and sustainable way to give back and enrich the lives of our community members! To do this, the Edmonton Toy Run has created a Bursary award, consisting of a cash award of up to \$1,000.00, per successful applicant. Visit our website for more information.



Congratulations to Sairyn H. the first recipient of the Edmonton Toy Run Bursary. The Toy Run wishes Sairyn all the best in her studies.

Sponsors

Every year our sponsors play a big part in what we do by donating to a great cause.

We would like to thank all our sponsors for 2024 season. If you would like to become a sponsor or know of a business or individual that would like to become a sponsor please email us at Edmontontoyrun@gmail.com

Below are some of our bigger sponsors that have helped out this past year.



Featured Rider(s)

The Edmonton Grom Gaggle are our first featured riders. For the past couple of years they have been a big part of the September Toy Run not only by leading the ride but collecting the toys at our end location. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all their hard work and dedication over the years.



What Grom Riders have to say: It's all about Groms and other fun small bikes!! No DRAMA, no EGOs, awesome people and straight up fun! We are a merry little band of misfits - all are welcome.

Upcoming Events



Paint & Pint Night - Stay tuned for an announcement for a paint and pint night we are planning for late January or early February. This will be a **member-only event** that we hope you will want to be a part of.

April 12th, 2025 - Evening event at Blackjacks Roadhouse. The winner will be announced for the \$10,000 Dream Bike Gift Certificate.

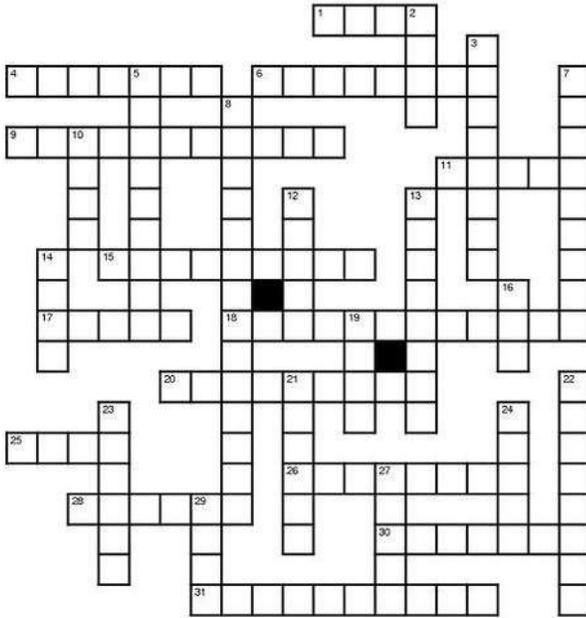
August 16, 2025 - 2nd Annual Poker Run at Six Pack Saloon. This year, bike games will be added to the fun.

September 21st, 2025 - 42nd Annual Edmonton Toy Run.





Christmas Crossword



Merry Christmas!

Across

1. Another word for present.
4. Santa's door?
6. Animals that pull Santa's sleigh.
9. What people put on their Christmas tree.
11. Something on Santa's face.
15. The day after Christmas.
17. Santa's helpers.
18. The day before Christmas.
20. A piece of snow.
25. What Santa gives to bad girls and boys.
26. A sock that hangs by the chimney.
28. People put these bright things on there house.
30. A reindeer with a red nose.
31. A jolly man in a red suit with a beard.

Down

2. Something people decorate.
3. What people give each other.
5. Where Santa's workshop is located.
7. A striped Christmas treat.
8. Drink and food left for Santa.
10. Something people send to each other to say 'Merry Christmas'.
12. The presents are usually _____ the tree.
13. The month of Christmas.
14. Look at a present before you should.
16. The color of Santa's suit.
19. A common decoration for the top of the tree.
21. A famous snowman.
22. The place where Santa makes toys.
23. Santa's car?
24. A common decoration for the top of the tree.
27. A Christmas song.
29. What Santa gives to good girls and boys.



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