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## AHS accepting toys as payment for parking tickets

GRANDE PRAIRIE – Alberta Health Services (AHS) is once again spreading holiday cheer with its Toys for Tickets campaign. This initiative gives people who've recently received an AHS parking ticket the opportunity to donate a new, unwrapped toy instead of paying their fine.

"Last year, we collected more than 870 toys provincewide, nearly doubling the donations from the previous year," says Nick Ternovatsky, Director of Parking, AHS. "We are thrilled to continue this tradition, which brings joy to children and families while making the holidays brighter for so many."

Parking Services will accept toy donations in lieu of fines for tickets issued between Nov. 8 and Dec. 20. Toys must be new, in their original packaging, suitable for ages newborn to 17, and valued at \$25 or more. Donations will be accepted at AHS parking offices during regular office hours from Nov. 16 to Dec. 20.

Recommended items include books, art supplies, science kits, electronics, headphones, Lego sets, baby toys, journals, activity books, crayons, colouring books, and gift cards for grocery stores and restaurants (for families).

All donations will be distributed to children's foundations and charitable organizations across the province, ensuring the gifts reach children in need this holiday season.

Visit the [AHS website](#) for the Grande Prairie AHS parking office hours and location, as well as for information on the [Toys for Tickets campaign](#).

Alberta Health Services is the provincial health authority responsible for delivering health supports and services for more than four million adults and children living in Alberta. Our mission is to provide a patient-focused, quality health system that is accessible and sustainable for all Albertans. Our current focus is on reducing emergency department wait times, improving EMS response times, increasing access to surgeries, and improving patient flow.

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