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Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees

## 53rd Annual Convention / Christmas Dance

*All Members are  
invited to UPSE's 53rd  
Annual  
Convention /  
Christmas Dance!*

*Date: November 29/2014*

*Time: 9 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.*

*Place: Delta Prince Edward Hotel,  
Charlottetown*

*Entertainment: Dancing to the music of  
"Eddy Quinn & Old Habits."*



**Admission is free!**

## Santa's Angels announces a return to its very successful Christmas morning surprise program for 2014.

Santa's Angels is a small, 100% volunteer-based charity which provides a surprise Christmas morning to families in the Charlottetown area that are not able, for one reason or another, to provide Christmas gifts and food for their children. Several Santas and their 'elves' personally deliver these gifts and food to homes on Christmas morning and to patients on the Pediatrics Unit at the QEH, Sherwood Home and other care facilities.



The names for these families come to them through their website [www.santasangels.ca](http://www.santasangels.ca), and from tips from neighbours or organizations. In 2013 they reached 302 children and parents and served 91 families. This year they hope to increase those numbers. Partnering with other local charities, and with the help of many volunteers who forgo a traditional Christmas morning, they drive the streets of Charlottetown in several convoys and bring surprise, joy and happiness to little faces, and grateful appreciation from their parents and caregivers.

This year, Santa's Angels has provided **donation boxes** at 7 locations in the Charlottetown area: **Brits Fish & Chips** on University Ave., the **EconoLodge** on the Lower Malpeque Road, the **Union of Public Sector Employees** on Enman Crescent, **Price-Mart** in West Royalty, **Smitty's Restaurant** in the University Plaza, **Starbucks** on Queen St. and **Zax Café** in the basement of the Sullivan Building.

They are again asking the assistance of the community to provide **gifts for children ages 0 to 18 yrs. of new unwrapped, toys, books, gifts or money** for this program. Cheques can be made payable to Santa's Angels, or direct donations can be made on-line through their website [www.santasangels.ca](http://www.santasangels.ca). There are also many other ways to give this year. To see all the exciting fundraising events visit [www.facebook.com/santasangelspei](http://www.facebook.com/santasangelspei).

In addition to having a donation box at the UPSE office, Santa's Angels will also have a table set up at the union's 53rd Annual Convention. Please drop off a gift for the children at your convenience.

*"You really don't understand the need in your community until you participate in a program like this. Sometimes we take so much for granted and just don't understand how others live. The folks we give to at Christmas live one day-at-a-time and the stress on the family is enormous. We simply want to lighten their load, fill their bellies, and give them some of the joy we feel at Christmas!"*

*Kenny Zakem*



For volunteering, giving, receiving etc. or any additional information visit [www.santasangels.ca](http://www.santasangels.ca) or call Ken Zakem, 902-394-5369.