

A Christmas of Love 2025

Bringing Holiday Joy to Our Nigerian Students in Brandon



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A Community Comes Together

Last Christmas, our Nigerian community in Brandon showed incredible love and support for students far from home.

The United Nigerians Brandon Association (UNBA) organized "A Christmas of Love 2025" to bring comfort, familiar foods, and holiday spirit to Nigerian international students during a season that can feel lonely when family is far away.

Our Impact: By the Numbers

50

STUDENTS
RECEIVED SPECIAL
HOLIDAY FOOD HAMPERS

12

VOLUNTEERS
GAVE THEIR TIME
AND ENERGY

9

GENEROUS DONORS
MADE THE PROGRAM
POSSIBLE

100%

OF STUDENTS FELT THEIR COMMUNITY'S CARE

84%

OF OUR SPENDING
SUPPORTED LOCAL
NIGERIAN BUSINESSES

What We Delivered

Each hamper contained favorite Nigerian foods:

- Nigerian rice and beans
- Traditional tomato paste
- Indomie noodles
- Seasoning cubes (Maggi/Knorr)
- Groundnut oil
- Special Nigerian seasonings (donated by Stella Akomolafe)

We chose these items carefully.

They provide good nutrition while bringing the taste of home.



Meet Our Students

We supported students from:

- Brandon University
- Assiniboine Community College
- Other local programs

Most students were in their second or third year of study, a time when financial pressures can be challenging while focusing on education.

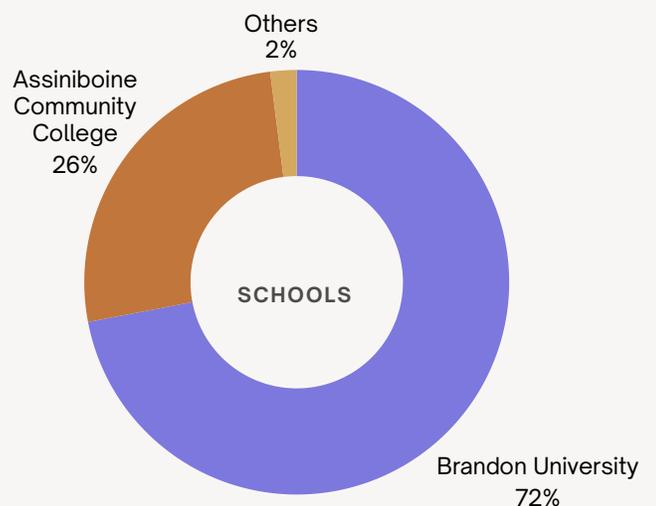
Community Connections Growing Stronger

The best surprise?

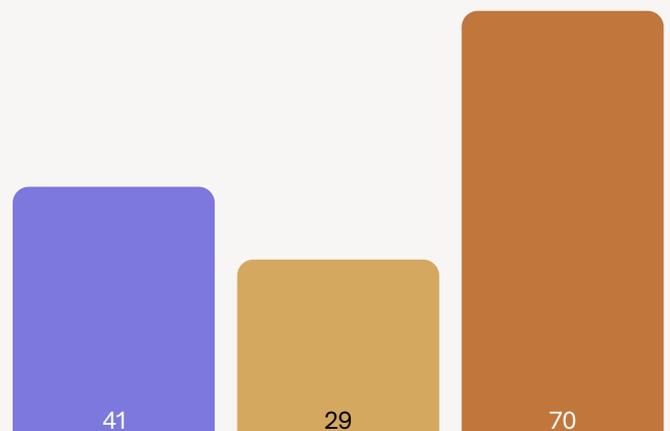
Our project built new community bonds:

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- 29% are already active members
- 70% feel connected to our Nigerian community in Brandon

This shows that when we support each other, our community grows stronger.



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Thank You to Our Supporters

This project succeeded because of generous hearts:

Our Donors:

- Abiodun Obafemi
- Adedamilola Oyerinde
- Hosteen Bungon (UNBA President)
- Ifeyinwa Chuks
- Olakunle Olowookere
- Olawunmi Subair
- Onyoibo Pamela Inedu
- Stella Akomolafe
- Styles Golden Concepts

Local Businesses We Supported:

- Projes Foods & Store
- Sangees African Groceries
- Real Canadian Superstore

Volunteer Heroes

Planning & Procurement Team:

- Stella Akomolafe (Chair)
- Tosin Afolabi
- Patience Idornigie
- Samson Adewori
- Joy Attah
- Philip Akomolafe
- Praise Akomolafe

Logistics & Delivery Team:

- Hosteen Bungon
- Ndubuaku Goodness
- Mark Chukwuka
- Vince Attah
- Tosin Afolabi
- Samson Adewori



Our volunteers delivered 44 hampers to homes and arranged 6 central pickups – all with smiles and warm holiday wishes.

Looking Ahead to Christmas 2026

Building on this year's success, we plan to:

1. Start planning earlier (October 2026)
 2. Help even more students
 3. Strengthen partnerships with local businesses
 4. Recognize our wonderful volunteers
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You Can Be Part of Next Year's Joy

Interested in helping next Christmas? You can:

- Volunteer your time
 - Make a donation
 - Spread the word to students
 - Support local Nigerian businesses year-round
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The Heart of Our Community

"A Christmas of Love" showed what happens when we unite with purpose and care. We proved that in Brandon, no Nigerian student spends the holidays alone. Together, we're building a community where everyone feels supported, connected, and proud of our shared heritage.

"Supporting our students, strengthening our community, preserving our culture."





**When we lift each other up,
our whole community rises.**

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This report is based on:

1. Registration Forms completed by the 51 student applicants
2. Committee Reports from the Christmas of Love planning team
3. Financial Records of all donations and purchases

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