

Christ Church Cathedral – Outreach Committee

Outreach Committee expresses gratitude for Christmas Outreach 2008

As 2008 ends, the Outreach Committee would like to thank the cathedral family for its ongoing support. Thanks to your kindness and generosity:

- We delivered 94 Christmas angel gifts to the Fredericton Food Bank, representing hundreds of dollars worth of toys and stocking stuffers for needy boys and girls in Fredericton (six more angels were chosen from the tree but not returned)
- We received \$1,285 from you this Christmas and divided it equally among the Fredericton Community Kitchen, Salvation Army, Fredericton Homeless Shelters, Transition House and the Fredericton Food Bank
- We emptied the big wicker basket near the font and donated an average of one tote box of non-perishable groceries to the Food Bank every week this year
- We supplied teams from the cathedral to prepare, serve and clean up after the evening meal every Saturday at the soup kitchen; we will continue this ministry in 2009, thanks to some new volunteers for whose help we are grateful

An average of 35 people visit the hall every Monday morning year-round for friendship and support. We would like to thank the members of Lucy's Sewing Group who made a wonderful financial donation toward this outreach program for the poor, addicted, homeless, and others struggling with illnesses and deep-rooted problems. Among the gifts presented to each person during our annual Christmas party were a lovely cross and chain, beautifully handcrafted by the Cathedral Pewtersmiths.

We appreciate very much that members of the cathedral family have assisted by giving money, baking muffins, knitting socks and mittens, and chatting with our guests on Mondays. We also want to thank the local businesses that sell us lunch vouchers – often at a reduced price – Trinitea's, Crumbs, Quizno's, Hannah's and McDonald's. Tim Horton's made a cash donation before withdrawing from the voucher program. City Hall has also given us some bus tickets to distribute. And we have had great support from the dean and the staff at the cathedral.

Thanks again for caring and for reaching beyond the cathedral walls to help local people less fortunate than ourselves. With your prayerful support, we look forward to continuing this ministry in 2009.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from
Cathedral Outreach Committee:
Doug Milander, Wayne Phillips, Julie Haynes,
Penny Ericson, Mark Carr, Don MacPherson
Vanda Rideout and (for part of 2008) Jamie Yeamans