

Outreach Committee expresses gratitude for 2009 assistance

As 2009 ends, the Outreach Committee would like to thank the cathedral family for its ongoing support. Thanks to your kindness and generosity:

- We brought 80 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
- We received \$710 in cash and divided it equally among the Fredericton Community Kitchen, Salvation Army, Fredericton Homeless Shelters, Transition House and the Fredericton Food Bank
- We delivered an average of one tote box full of non-perishable groceries to the Food Bank every week this year (and quadrupled our normal amount in October with the “paper bag campaign!”)
- We supplied teams (three dozen people) 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 2010, thanks to half a dozen new volunteers for whose help we are grateful

Thirty-five to 40 people visit the hall every Monday morning year-round for friendship and support. They are poor, and many are addicted, homeless, or struggling with illnesses and deep-rooted problems. We appreciate very much that members of the cathedral family have assisted by donating money and used clothing, baking muffins, knitting socks and mittens, and chatting with our guests on Mondays. Our guests loved the Christmas party Dec. 21st, which was a success thanks to assistance this committee received from members of the congregation.

We also want to thank the local businesses that sell us lunch vouchers and welcome these folks – Trinitea’s, Quizno’s and Hannah’s. City Hall also gave us some free bus tickets to distribute. And we have always enjoyed great support from the dean and all 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 2010.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from
Cathedral Outreach Committee

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