

Outreach Committee expresses gratitude

As 2010 ends, the Outreach Committee would like to humbly thank the Cathedral family for its ongoing support. Thanks to your kindness and generosity:

- We brought one frozen turkey and 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 \$2,390 from the congregation for Christmas Outreach and divided it equally among the Fredericton Community Kitchen, Fredericton Homeless Shelter (for men), and Grace House (the women's shelter)
- We delivered an average of one tote box full of non-perishable groceries to the Food Bank every week this year
- We organized 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 2011, thanks to some new volunteers for whose help we are grateful

The main focus of our committee's efforts is a Monday morning gathering. Approximately 40 people visit the hall every Monday morning year-round for friendship, food and support (such as drives to the Food Bank). They are poor, and many are addicted, homeless, or struggling with illnesses or deep-rooted problems.

We appreciate very much that members of the Cathedral family have donated money and clothing, baked muffins and cookies, made sandwiches, knit socks and mittens, and chatted with our guests on Mondays. The group loved the Christmas party Dec. 20th, which included carols led by Willis Noble on the piano. Fifty-four men, women and children ate seasonal treats and each received a gift donated by committee members.

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 again this year. And we continue to enjoy 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 2011.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the
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