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CELEBRATING 54 YEARS OF SHARING AND CARING AT CHRISTMAS

MEETING THE CHALLENGES OF 2020

Looking back on 2020 is somewhat of a blur, when you think of the considerable challenges that we faced. First of all there was the uncertainty of the pandemic, then there were safety precautions that were necessary for our volunteers and those applying for assistance. We also knew that we had to do business differently, we had to be creative and flexible. In addition, we updated our Website to allow for online applications in Nov. None of this would have been possible without the unfailing generosity of this incredible Community.

As a result of your ongoing support we assisted more families and individuals than ever before. Last year with your help either financially or by sponsoring a family, over 1533 individuals and families in need representing 3,850 adults and children were fed over the Christmas period. This was truly an amazing accomplishment.

In addition, and in co-operation with the Salvation Army approximately 200 individuals had meals delivered on Christmas day. This was possible because of our wonderful Volunteers who delivered the meals and also to Darlene Jackson and her family who prepared the meals at the Salvation Army Church. Quite frankly we could not have done this without your kindness!



Your continued financial help will make all the difference!

NANCY ROBERTS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD



Pictured from left to right former Board Chair Nancy Roberts and longtime Volunteer Bella Stirling. Congratulations to Bella Stirling the first recipient of the Nancy Roberts Volunteer of the Year Award. For over 18 years Bella has volunteered for the Christmas Sharing Program, her dedication and commitment to the Program is commendable. Bella is always cheerful and has the ability to make clients comfortable when they come to apply. Bella is our “go to girl”, when we need additional help with the Program. Last year because of COVID we had to do our Program a little differently and Bella rose to that challenge.

Congratulations Bella, well done!





HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

DR. HAL WILSON BURSARY WINNER



For the past 4 years the Christmas Sharing Program has been pleased to honour individuals, groups and businesses who have made exceptional efforts to help support our Program. Past winners of this Award are Bruce Mackay, Centennial Secondary School and Duvanco Homes.



The 2020 winner of the Humanitarian Award is Linda and Carl Matchim of St. Thomas's Anglican Church. St. Thomas's Church with the help of Linda and Carl have sponsored 45 families in need at Christmas for many years now. The Matchim's coordinate the baskets on behalf of the Church and with a few friends shop the sales each week leading up to Christmas.



Last year because COVID restrictions the Matchim's could not store the food for the baskets at the Church, undaunted they filled their house with food products. The Matchim's dedication and commitment to the Program is second to none. The Matchim's and St. Thomas's stepped up at a time when sponsorship especially large sponsorship was on a decline due to the pandemic.



Pictured is Kylie Crawford receiving her award from Dr. Hal Wilson.

Kylie Crawford is a Grade 12 Student who attends Eastside Secondary School. Kylie was an important part of Eastside Secondary's efforts to provide Christmas Sharing baskets through the school.

Kylie distributed materials to classes and motivated classes to participate. She also helped to organize and distribute the food for the baskets. In addition, Kylie helped shop for the contents of the food baskets and assisted in delivering the baskets to Families that the school had sponsored.

Kylie is an exceptional young lady who willingly gives her time to help others.



Congratulations Kylie!



Pictured here are Linda & Carl Matchim on the left being presented with the Award by Ann Garvin, Chair of Christmas Sharing.

