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Welcome to ***Generosity in Action***. This new regular update celebrates the many ways people at Trinity share their time, abilities, talents, and finances to enable us to spread God's love and grace together. Have a suggestion for a future issue? Send your ideas to [liz@trinitystreetsville.org](mailto:liz@trinitystreetsville.org).

***A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. – Proverbs 11:25***

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## **Trinity Pours out Christmas Generosity**

Your generosity during Advent and Christmas flowed through virtually every area of ministry at Trinity!

In addition to regular financial support throughout the season, Trinity parishioners (and visitors!) gave \$16,800 to our *Christmas for Others* appeal. These funds brought much-needed assistance and a great blessing to Trinity families in need. The Open Door, one of our long-time local ministry outreach partners, also received vital support through this initiative.

If we could count the number of volunteer hours the people of Trinity poured into making our Christmas events, services, and outreach both meaningful and fun, we'd be astounded! From preparing and serving hot chocolate for more than 1,000 people at Streetsville's *Christmas in the Village* event to baking gingerbread houses and 900 gingerbread people to decorate (and eat!) at our family and children's events, to the hands-on help Trinity's young adults provided at the Open Door's Christmas dinner, to our beautiful children's choir inspiring us with their singing during Advent, Trinity volunteers opened their hearts. And there's more! One of Trinity's Life Groups generously covered the cost of our Children's Christmas party. Volunteers and staff worked together to decorate the church and provide a beautiful setting for our services. Dailey's Tree Lot in Streetsville donated several fresh Christmas trees, which we then distributed to members of our church family. And at every service and event, Trinity volunteers were there to support and help everything go smoothly. What a wonderful and generous church family we have. Thank you to everyone!

# Offering the Gift of Prayer

***Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. –1 Thessalonians 5:16-18***

There's no doubt that the practice of prayer at Trinity goes back to its founding days in the first half of the 19th century. Trinity's prayer ministry has taken several forms over the years and continues to flourish and impact lives today.

Trinity's Prayer Chain and Sunday Service prayer teams currently provide prayer support for *everyone* who requests it, regardless of whether they attend Trinity or not. People reach out for prayer for themselves, family members, neighbours, co-workers, and others.



Our prayer ministries have been active for decades. The Prayer Chain has been guided by several leaders over the years, including Charles Ansell, the late Davina Anderson, and Ida Dundas. Today, Sue Flack and Susan Carr coordinate prayer requests received and distribute them (by email) to the 25 volunteer Prayer Chain members. Last year our intercessors responded to more than 170 requests for prayer! These requests cover many needs including illness, injury, job loss, relationship issues, bereavement, financial challenges, and more. Each request is held in strict confidence.

As well as the Prayer Chain, our Sunday prayer team members are available to pray with you during the communion part of the service. You can find them beside the hard-to-miss prayer flags in the Trinity lobby. Everyone is welcome to come for prayer.

Trinity is built on prayer! This year we've been challenged by Rob to develop a "Rhythm of Prayer" in our lives. To help us, a team of Trinity parishioners has created a variety of ways for us to grow in prayer. These opportunities include participating in monthly prayer walks and prayer and worship services. The beginning of the year saw our first annual "Week of Prayer", attended by more than 60 people.

The prayers of Trinity's faithful intercessors lift up people around the world. Our collective prayers change lives and bring comfort, hope, and consolation to people in our congregation and far beyond. This is generosity in action!