



The Welcome Home

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Dear Friends of The Welcome Home,

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Glory be to Jesus Christ! It is that time of the year when our thoughts turn to those who make our ministry possible through their faith-filled and loving support.

Like everywhere and with everyone, COVID-19 has had an impact on all our programs and lives. At The Welcome Home, we strive to help those in need in our usual and creative ways: Our Wednesday morning hamper and sandwich distribution carries on. The Knights of Columbus Farmers Market in September added many fresh vegetables to our hamper program throughout the Fall. Prior to the recent lock-down by covid restrictions Coats for Kid's happened; parents brought their children to try on winter jackets. Thursday Family Night had been re-located with the wonderful assistance of St. Andrews Parish; there we have space to fulfill social distancing and safety requirements. As families leave the church, they pick-up a nutritious take home meal prepared by the volunteers who continue to make this possible! Also, our Sunday Liturgy continues on live-streaming. (thewelcomehome.ca on Facebook and YouTube)

Our Education Fund sponsors children to attend Immaculate Heart of Mary School; in the last few years it has sponsored four children and covered the cost of one uniform per child. The fund also assists adults who need that little extra help for school or job training. This year we covered the cost for one of our single mom's with helping her pay daycare fees in order for her son to start daycare. She also required a police check and vulnerable sector check. This young mom is now enrolled in school and her son is in daycare.

We continue to have ongoing projects and upgrades in the house. This summer we were able to upgrade some of our windows and do other minor repairs and upkeep in the house. One of our many goals for our Mission home is to have adequate storage space, in order for this to happen we need to do some renovating in the basement. This space will accommodate most of what is needed for our programs to run adequately. Of course, there are other projects on our list like new security doors, more windows, the front porch, etc...

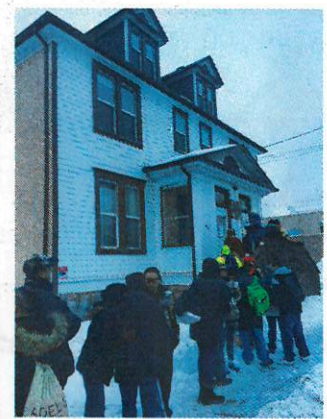
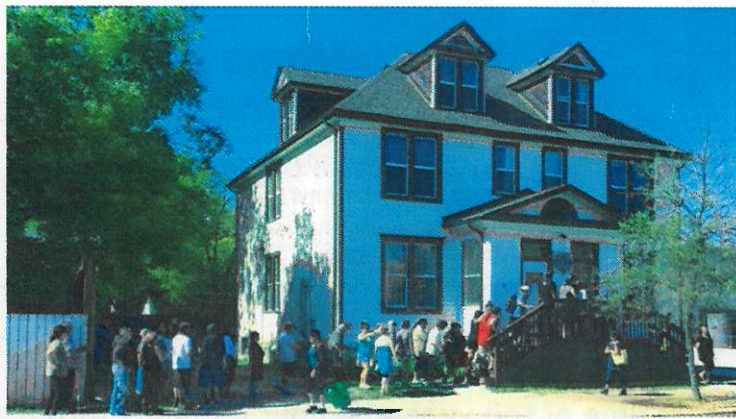
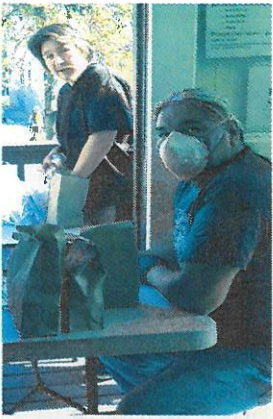
The Welcome Home relies on the financial support of many individuals, churches, and organizations, to ensure that we keep reaching out to those in need. We have already gratefully received generous Christmas offerings from some of you. If you haven't had the chance yet, I ask that you please consider a financial gift to The Welcome Home during this season as we prepare to keep Christ in Christmas. Your gift will help us make a difference in the lives of children and their families as we walk with them through the many challenges they face.

On behalf of all our staff, volunteers and those whom we serve, I wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for your kindness and wish you God's choicest blessings this Christmas and throughout the New Year. May the presence of Christ fill you with peace, joy and much hope!

Gratefully in Christ our Saviour,

Delores Courchene, Community Coordinator.

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FEEDING THE HUNGRY IN BODY AND SPIRIT***



Ed at the door, Wednesday morning hamper & sandwich distribution summer (before restrictions) & winter. Below: volunteers bagging food hampers/ The baptism of baby Alex Malichi Baptiste / donations from St. Andrew's parishioners!



(Above) Immaculate Heart student in her uniform. Sister Emily n her students, Delores at Knights of Columbus Farmers Market. (Below) Fr Larry welcoming the Kof C (St Joe's) Coats for Kids delivery (2) Families trying on the coats!

