



The Mission Team of St Andrew's offers two great opportunities for generosity and community care this Advent & Christmas season

A Mitten Tree will be available at the church to receive your donations of cold weather clothing items - eg. toques, gloves, mittens, scarves, socks - of all sizes - for men, women and children. Please bring your donations when you come to worship on December 17. We will be gathering them during the Worship Service. (If you are not able to be at worship that day, you can bring them to the church office prior). We are so very conscious of an increased need for such items for people seeking shelter at various locations such as Mustard Seed, Drop-In Centre, YW Women's shelter, Sheriff King Home, CUPS, etc. A team of volunteers will be sure to get your donations in the hands of those who need them.

For several years now, St Andrew's has been helping to build a sense of community connection for the folks at the Claire House affordable housing project of the Calgary Homeless Foundation and Home Space, located in the Kingsland Community. Week by week we meet for coffee and/or breakfast and old-fashioned visiting. It seems to make a difference to folks who are struggling in various ways but doing their best to make a go of it. Over the years we have rebuilt their fence, worked on veggie and flower gardens, helped out with celebration dinners, donated clean mattresses, furniture, and housewares, but the most noticeable of all is the Christmas gift cards. We aim to deliver a nice gift to each of the 41 households (a mix of families, singles and seniors), plus an extra gift card for each of 24 children. Our Christmas giving wish for Claire House this year is a target of \$3,250 to help spread some Joy, Hope, Peace and Love. Your donations of any amount designated for 'Claire House' through the church office or on-line, will all add up. Your Mission Team will turn the donations into gift cards that the residents can use for their own gift giving or some added festive food items. Donations will be accepted from now through Dec 17.

May God add blessings to our giving.

Thanks, Bill Judd - for the Mission Team