

# **St. Matthias**

# **December 2014**

**The Wave of Charity  
continues...**

# CHARITY

- Charity is an act of kindness where one person who has more than enough of what he or she needs to survive, contributes a part of his or her extra income or time to help fulfill the needs of those who are less fortunate.



# Charity

- Jesus gave us the two greatest commandments. The first, Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind and soul.
- The second: to love your neighbour as yourself.



- Since Charity begins at home, here at St. Matthias we have been working hard to be a charitable community for those in our local community, city and around the world.

Let's take a look at the difference we have already made both here at home and around the globe.



# **‘Out of the Cold’ Coat Drive**

- Out of the Cold Coat Drive 2013 – Last Christmas, we raised over 500 items of clothing and donated to three different shelters across Toronto.



# Annual We Scare Hunger Food Drive

- Together, this passed Halloween, we donated over 200 lbs of food items for the Harvest Food Bank.



# Pennies from Heaven

- During Easter this year, the Grade 3 & 4 class donated gifts of Farm Animals and Seeds for Farmers in Developing Countries – with our Penny donations. We were able to raise enough money to donate a goat, chicks, and seeds to a country in Africa.



# Family Bingo Night Book Donations

- After our fun-filled Bingo night last May, our Extra books were donated to newly built schools in the Philippines.





# Battery Safe-Disposal Program

- This school year, we are also collecting batteries to dispose in an eco-friendly way, helping to keep our Earth clean and healthy.



# Donations to Angel Foundation

- Teacher's Annual Christmas Survival Draw:  
Every year, the teachers at St. Matthias raise over \$300 to donate to the Angel Foundation, helping children in Toronto who are in need.



# Rainbow Loom Bracelets

- Last Christmas, students in our Grade 5 & 6 Class made dozens of rainbow loom bracelets to raise money for the Disaster in the Philippines.



# Donations to Natural Disaster Needs

- As a school and parish, we have raised thousands of dollars to help in Natural Disasters in countries like the Philippines, Indonesia, Japan and Russia.



# Milk Bag Collection

- Milk Bag collections continue everyday to help create waterproof bedding for developing countries like Haiti.



# The Year of Charity

- This year is the year of Charity. We, as Catholic students are asked to show God our Commitment to his word, not only in what we say, but also in the way we act. We are called to be Living Saints and to help those in need.



# WORDS and ACTIONS

- We do this in our words and actions towards each other at home, at school and at work. Like holding the door for someone who has their hands full, offering someone a seat on the bus or helping out at home with the chores, not because we are getting an allowance, but because we really want to help our loved ones. Charity means to really help someone from the bottom of our hearts with no strings attached. Remember...

**YOU DON'T  
NEED A  
REASON TO  
HELP  
PEOPLE.**





- We also show charity through our actions towards others that we may never meet, never see, never know...strangers around the globe – children like us who may be hungry or cold, mothers and fathers who may be sick or struggling to support their families, families like ours, who we are so fortunate to go home to each day.

- This year, St. Matthias has set a goal to reach further than our homes, community, or city. This year, St. Matthias is trying to reach across the globe to help those in need.



# St. Matthias...



- Your challenge this year has been to fill as many shoeboxes with “Needs” for “Those in Need” in Developing Countries around the World.

- With your continued help, these last few days have made a huge difference to our charity drive. As we get closer to Christmas we are filled with the Christmas spirit even more.









- Imagine how many people we are helping to have a good and happy Christmas.











- To date, we have already filled close to 100 boxes for our shoebox drive. Great work everyone!



You have not lived  
today until you have  
done something for  
someone who can never  
repay you.

*John Bunyan*

A soft-focus photograph of a field of cosmos flowers in shades of purple and white. The text is centered over the image in a large, white, sans-serif font.

**NO ONE HAS EVER  
BECOME POOR  
FROM GIVING.**

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AND NOW ABIDETH

Faith, Hope, Charity

these three; but the greatest of these is

CHARITY

— 1 Corinthians 13:13



- Thank you for all your donations and for acting on God's word. Together, we are truly making a difference in the world.

From all of us here at St. Matthias, thank you  
and may you have a very blessed Christmas!

