

THANKSGIVING, 2019

Sydenham Street United Church

Outreach Ministry for Helen Tufts Child Outreach Program

It is a Thanksgiving tradition at SSUC to invite our members to make a special offering in support of our Outreach Ministry. This year your donations will help fund the Helen Tufts Child Outreach Program (HTCOP), offering academic help and friendship to children aged 6 to 12 from disadvantaged Kingston families. Many of the children have difficulty in school and benefit from the individual attention and encouragement offered by the volunteers who are Queen's students. Weekly sessions are held at our church during fall and winter terms. Our costs include hiring a bus and driver to transport the children and healthy snacks provided at each session.

For over 45 years this program was organized and operated jointly by our congregation and First Baptist Church. A year ago they withdrew and we are now solely responsible for it. Dr. Barbara Parker is the Coordinator, and Frontier College cooperates with us by screening and helping to train the students who volunteer to work one-on-one with the children.

Father Gregory Boyle, in Tattoos on the Heart, describes compassion in these words: "The strategy of Jesus is not centered in taking a stand on issues, but rather is standing in the right place—with the outcast and those relegated to the margins...If we love what God loves, then, in compassion, margins get erased." That is the goal of HTCOP.

There will be a Thank Offering envelope with the Order of Service on Thanksgiving Sunday.

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On behalf of SSUC Social Justice and Outreach Committee.

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Worshipping Sundays Together

at Sydenham Street United in September
then at Chalmers United in October