

CHALMERS' BENEVOLENT FUND PROGRAM

The Program continues to be incredibly active with 1,325 people in our database. Last year, there was almost a five-fold financial increase since we started in 2010, with triple the number of people assisted! The Chalmers' Benevolent Program team continues to distribute grocery cards and Martha's Table meal tickets. From time to time, individuals are also supported with one-time payments such as: Hydro to avoid a disconnect for a single mother and children; or a night in a hotel for a young girl avoiding abuse at home. Currently the team is giving out Christmas socks filled with hats, gloves, socks, \$10 Giant Tiger cards, with a few special gifts for children.

The team takes time every week, to listen to those who come in and they also try to assist them by networking individuals to appropriate resources and sharing our, *Where to Turn for Assistance* Brochure. More often than not, our volunteers find themselves helping those who fall into the gaps of 'the system'.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT! Donations to the Benevolent Fund have dropped this year, and the *Warm Feet for the Street* drive came in \$1,000 shy of its goal. Top-ups are still welcomed and needed in order to carry out this essential ministry. Please continue to help the less fortunate in our own neighbourhood. Benevolent Fund Program envelopes are in your bulletins for the ease of giving.

Benevolent Fund Volunteer Team

Mary Davis Little, Gwen Duhn, Heather Faris, Joan Hauser, Jane MacEwen, Isabel McLeod, Joan Simeon, Jan Trites, Carol Sleeth (Admin)

BENEVOLENCE SHARED ANNUALLY WITH THOSE IN NEED			
	People Assisted	Annual Outlay	Donations received
to Nov. 30, 2019	709	\$ 12,320	\$ 14,419
2018	852	\$ 15,061	\$ 14,325
2015	687	\$ 10,041	\$ 13,691
2010	291	\$ 3,370	\$ 3,367