

Views from the Pews

Charity Edition

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OPERATION ST. NICHOLAS 2021

Another successful event for St Stephen's Charity as volunteers over 6 months came together to make life a little bit brighter for 57 children in Ukraine.

This year's Charity Event started on May 15th when 7 volunteers gathered together to sort through Corporate and Private Donations of items earmarked for children and families in Ukraine. In August we launched the OSN charity event asking if members of the parish would like to sponsor a child by purchasing a gift, it did not take long for 90% of the names to be taken and gift giving began.

On September 3rd we met to fill bags for the remaining 10% of children, pack boxes for 3 large families and a box for an orphanage using donated items. It was a great morning of fun and chatter for 7 volunteers. Along with this packing we also created 19 gift bags with new born gifts for at risk and needy families in Calgary.

Our final packing day on October 5th had 14 volunteers come together for final packing of gifts into boxes for shipment by sea container to Ukraine. We packed a total of 440 lbs of goods into 14 boxes in 3 ½ hours. Way to go volunteers!



As a parish we are truly blessed to have so many wonderful families that come together to support our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. Some help with the cost of shipment and food for families; some go shopping to purchase gifts; some donate treasures that can be shared among the children; some volunteer their time; some offer prayers, words of encouragement and support. All this combined eases the burden of others.
-Mary Chudyk

I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20:35



GIVING OPENS THE DOORS TO BLESSINGS AND PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPRESS GOD'S LOVE.

