

WUW 2020 Annual Report

As mentioned in the January newsletter, the Warm Up to Winnipeg (WUW) project is winding-down. Out of the 100+ scarves we had after Christmas, about 30 scarves remain in our inventory, due to donations made by WUW committee members, by other Grands 'n' More Winnipeg (GnM) members, the Augustine Church Chili lunch, and the info/donation table at the St. Norbert Farmers' Market (indoors!).

The COVID pandemic resulted in cancellation of GnM member meetings and the Comedy Night, eliminating those chances to seek WUW donations.

Donations of the final 30 scarf donations would be grand. DO, please, contact Jean to donate scarves (jeanaltemeyer@shaw.ca) – it would be good as a win-win-win effort to clear the inventory, to provide Welcome Place with those additional items, and – of course – send money to the African grandmothers.

We know donations and fundraising efforts are sparse in light of the pandemic, so here is a chance to achieve win-win-win (inventory is cleared, Welcome Place gets more scarves, and the SLF gets some money).

Special mention of the SEVEN women, who EACH knitted 100 or more scarves – and one of those stalwarts not only knitted over 100 scarves – she also has DONATED every single one. Then there's the St. Paul's congregation – both those who created the items AND those who donated – sometimes, the same person filled both roles. Their members delivered batch after batch of already-paid-for scarves in time for several seasons of Christmas giving. They donated almost \$4000 to the WUW project during the years of their participation.

With over 3200 scarves donated to Welcome Place, and about \$32,000 sent to the SLF, the "little project that could" ends. MANY thanks to all those who made scarves, to those who donated them, to Welcome Place for its excellent work with refugees, and to the WUW committee members for their efforts and support.

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