



News Release

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2013 Christmas Angel Campaign Raises Over \$20,000 and Assists More Than 350 Local Children

Thanks to the generosity of many individuals, businesses and organizations located within Prince Edward County, the 2013 Christmas Angel Campaign was able to raise over \$20,000 which helped to create a happier holiday season for 365 local children within 164 families. Appeals for assistance rose this year and included requests for coats, leggings and boots for children who were not covered by the OPP snowsuit drive.

Long-time organizer of the Christmas Angel Campaign, Susan Rose, expressed her appreciation to the many members of the community who have continued to support the Campaign for the past several years. "On behalf of the children and families who benefitted from the assistance provided by our community, I thank all of you for helping to make this a better, brighter Christmas for those in need."

Ms. Rose sent out a special thanks to her helpers this year, Scott Whitelock, Elisha MacDonald and Rozanna McInnes for their hard work and dedication.

Finding a home for the Campaign each year can prove to be a challenge. This year, the Kinsmen Club and The County of Prince Edward were themselves Christmas angels for donating the use of Benson Hall. Organizers are facing a similar challenge for the 2014 Campaign as they search for a location close to Main St. in Picton. Businesses or organizations that may be able to help are asked to get in touch with Susan Rose at srose@kos.net if they have downtown space in Picton that might be donated for use by the Campaign during the months of November and December.

Mark Kartusch, Executive Director of Highland Shores Children's Aid thanked Susan and her fellow organizers as well as members of the County for their generosity, "As we begin a New Year I am hopeful that the Christmas Angel Campaign will continue to make a positive difference in the lives of children and families for many years to come."

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