

## Gifts for the Givers

“Please share our “Thank You” with all the members of the Pastoral Care Team. What a difference you all have made in our lives!”

“Thank you for the wonderful dinner. You provided delicious nourishment for our bodies, warmed our hearts and uplifted our spirits. Thank you, dear friends.”

“I wouldn’t have survived the past two weeks without my dear CHC family. Help and encouragement came in many different forms from the wonderful Pastoral Care ‘angels’.”

This is just a sample of the notes of thanks received by members of our Pastoral Care teams recently. It is humbling to think that those who are sick or injured or frail or caring for loved ones would take time to tell us “Thank You”.

The Christmas baskets delivered by teams this year were made extra special by the addition of beautiful ornaments made by children in the BLAST Class, and the youth called on many of our parishioners with exuberant caroling. Those special touches led to an unusual number of comments from those who received them. Pastoral Care team members celebrated at their Christmas Party by donating and assembling baskets and then scattered about the city to deliver them. It was a wonderful way to capture the meaning of the season.

Pastoral Care team members comment continually that they receive much more than they give. If you’d like to be part of this ministry, contact Tom Momberg or Janie Morris. Training for this ministry is offered in the fall, but new members are welcome at any time of year.

*-- Janie Morris*