

by sharing God's love

# LIVING GENEROUSLY



Christmas is coming soon, but Jubilee Christmas is coming even sooner than that. I like to think that I am already in the season of Jubilee Christmas.

Jubilee Christmas helps parents who are struggling to keep a roof over their heads and food on the table and to experience the joy of watching their children open presents on Christmas morning.

I connect to the mission of Jubilee Christmas because there was a time when I could have benefited from this program. After the bills were paid, there was no extra money for Christmas gifts for my children. It was a stressful time for me. If I hadn't received a check in the mail from an anonymous benefactor, which gave me the opportunity to put smiles on the my children's faces, I don't know what I would have done

I am forever indebted to my Christmas angel who has inspired me to live generously and with gratitude. I am grateful that I have a roof over my head, clothes on my back, and food on my table. I know these could be gone in a blink of an eye. And as long as I am able, I will share what I have—whether it is time, talent, or treasure. Jubilee Christmas continues to inspire me to do this.

I am drawn to the Prayer of St. Francis and find the line "it is in giving that we receive" to eloquently express the meaning of living generously.

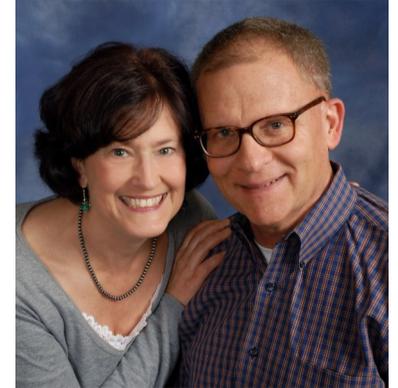
I give what I can to Jubilee Christmas, but receive so much more in return. I know that I have been instrumental in alleviating a burden off of some parents' backs at a stressful time of the year. I like to think that they can find joy and hope as they face life's challenges. But even more importantly, I am hopeful that they will be inspired to live generously in the future.

-Maggie McClure

St. John's  
Jubilee Christmas Coordinator

As part of the 2017 Annual Giving Campaign, we are exploring what it means to live generously by worshiping God; by sharing God's love; by making Christ known to others; in community together; and by giving our time, talent, and treasure. Our prayer is that we will all commit to living generously in each of these areas of Christian discipleship.

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Maggie McClure  
(with her husband, Greg)



The St. John's Youth getting ready for the 2016 Hunger Hike in support of Lafayette Urban Ministry



The St. John's/LUM Food Pantry feeds nearly 10,000 people a year