

# **WHAT a GREAT IDEA!**

## **CREATIVE WAYS FOLKS REACH OUT TO ST. LUKE'S!**

### **THE 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MOSHIDES "MODIFIED" BEER EXCHANGE**

John Moshides and his pals enjoy football – so much so that they get together on an annual basis to celebrate the great Monday night game! For the second year in a row, though, the game has taken on a new twist...

From the flier sent to the participants: "Instead of buying beer this year let's all WRITE A CHECK for \$40 to St. Luke's Mission of Mercy and make a holiday contribution to a worthy cause!"

Thanks to John and all the football fans that will open their checkbooks and hearts for St. Luke's this season! This great idea is a real touchdown!

### **SISTERS HOSPITAL CASE MANAGERS HOLIDAY COLLECTION**

The Case Management Department at Sisters Hospital wanted to do something unique this year. Instead of a holiday gift exchange they decided to reach out to St. Luke's. They have decided to purchase much needed toiletries for the Mission, such as soaps, shampoos, powders, and the like. Their holiday celebration will leave a sweet smell among those served at St. Luke's! Thank you to our friends at Sisters! St. Luke's is always in need of toiletries, toilet paper and the like.

### **CHILDREN OF MARY HOMESCHOOLERS STOP THE SNIFFLES!**

Donna and Eric Franco, Associate Lay Servants of Divine Mercy at St. Luke's, helped out Our Lady of Good Remedy Health Services in a special way. They contacted the members of "Children of Mary" Homeschool Association and asked them to consider purchasing over-the-counter cold and flu medications to help our community get through the sneezin' season, and to bring it to a holiday skating party sponsored by the organization. They said, literally, as they passed the Kleenex: "God bless you!" What a great idea!

### **FOOD PACKING VOLUNTEERS RIGHT ON TARGET**

Anyone who has assisted with the food packing for Thanksgiving, Christmas or Easter knows what a HUGE endeavor it is! Thousands of bags are filled by hundreds of volunteers from all over Western New York. Employees of Target Department Store gathered this past Thanksgiving to give of their time during the big three day event. Counting, stuffing bags, moving food from here to there – no job too big, no job too small!

Joining them were groups from schools, churches, colleges, businesses, youth groups, and service organizations. It was a great, raucous affair, and will be promptly repeated this Advent season!

### **A.P.O.S.T.L.E. PROGRAM KEEPS US HUMMING (AND SINGING!)**

Many folks have chosen to become A.P.O.S.T.L.E.'s: A Part Of St. Luke's Every Day! This wonderful way to assist in our ministry is simple: make a pledge to donate thirty dollars a month! With your pledge you are given a year's worth of envelopes to send your pledge in. Many, many people have chosen this wonderful way to help. If you can't make it out to physically assist in our ministries this is the next best thing! Call the office at 894-4476 today to make your pledge to be A Part Of St. Luke's Every Day!

### **D'YOUVILLE NURSING STUDENTS IN ACTION**

The Student Nurses Association of D'Youville College volunteer to staff the registration and blood pressure screening tables for our Health Fairs, and bring their great enthusiasm with them! Our health fairs bring many people who have not had adequate health care for many years. The students are a great way to welcome them back into a system of regular medical care with their ready smiles and contagious energy!

### **TAKING CHRISTMAS TO THE NEXT LEVEL!**

Having difficulty finding a gift for the family member who has everything? Why not purchase a gift for a needy child in his or her name? Perhaps the whole family could participate by providing gifts for an entire needy family! Many people have chosen to do just that. Call St. Luke's to find out how you can help. Whether sponsoring an entire family, or purchasing gifts for children, your generosity brings joy to those who have so little. Churches, organizations, youth groups and businesses across the area provide the gifts that make Christmas special for those who would otherwise receive nothing.

One dear lady in West Seneca organizes the neighborhood to provide gifts for families. Churches such as Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament do the same. How about you?

### **YOUNG LADY USES THE WEB TO HELP ST. LUKE'S**

The world-wide-web as a means to collect donations is used by many different organizations, but one young lady took her generosity to the next level! She and her friends conducted several fund-raisers and created a web site that solicited donations for St. Luke's, and her friends and family all took part. She and her friends raised over \$1200.00 through their efforts. Sometimes the needs of the poor seem overwhelming, but one little girl showed us that all it takes is a little know-how and a lot of love!

**IS GOD CALLING  
YOU TO HELP?  
USE YOUR  
IMAGINATION...  
THE LEAST OF  
YOUR BROTHERS  
AND SISTERS  
NEED YOU!**

