

"Love Travels" ...another **"GREAT IDEA!"**

What do Omaha, Nebraska, Chicopee, Massachusetts and Brambleton, Virginia have in common? They are all cities where members of the "Mom's Chatting" Online Group reside. This is a group of about 10 women, all moms, who have established a small cyber-community via the Internet using tools like e-mail and Chat. They get together online for friendship, fun, and support.

One member, Jennifer McIntire, found the St. Luke's website online and read of the need for people to sponsor a family for Christmas. Jennifer, along with the other "online Moms", not wanting to see anyone go without during the holiday season, decided to step forward and seek information about sponsoring a family. Communicating with St. Luke's via e-mail, the group sponsored two families, including two adults and six children.

This small group of women did not let distance stop them from showing people the love of God. They not only shopped, they also wrapped the gifts, packaged everything they bought and paid for it to be shipped to Buffalo so we could gather the

gifts and deliver them to the families. One of the highlights for us in the days leading up to Christmas was to find out the latest location from across the country that we had received a package from. We saw gifts come in from the cities mentioned above as well as from Arlington, SD, Wallingford, PA, Western Springs, IL, Seekonk, MA, Rosedale, NY, Mechanicsburg, PA, West Allis, WI, Philadelphia, PA, Henryetta, OK, Roselle, IL, and Barre, VT.

God used this group of ladies to touch not only the lives of the families they sponsored, but to touch the lives of all of us here at St. Luke's. They helped show that there is no boundary to the love of God and that we are all His family, no matter where His will takes us.

In the words of the Bob Halligan song "Love Travels": "Love travels the miles upon the wings of angels. Love finds you, I swear it's true, I can love you from here – I'll love you from here." Thank you to all the members of "Mom's Chatting", for loving God's poor here in Buffalo from where you are.

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