

## Medium-Sized Branches

### **Lanark**

The branch supported Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lanark County. BBBS operates two stores called Jewels (in Perth and Smith Falls) where they sell good used clothing, jewelry, footwear, purses, books etc. The Lanark Branch organized several events where their members were able to collect pledges while participating RWTO/OERO golfing, curling, and bowling tournaments. Several RWTO/OERO Lanark members volunteered in the stores where they sorted, steamed, hung clothing and assisted clients.

### **Niagara South**

This Branch's Warm Up the Winter project helped to keep adults and children warm during the winter. Donations could be handcrafted or purchased and included mittens, gloves, hats, warm socks slippers sweaters, blankets and quilts. As of February first, the Niagara South Branch had donated 12 scarves, two pair of slippers, 75 pair socks, 14 pair of gloves, seven pair of mittens, 25 hats, three sweaters, seven blankets, and 15 homemade quilts, in. The Niagara Self Agencies were extremely grateful for the wonderful donation of over 70 items!

## Large Branches

### **Haldiman**

These ladies collected Beautiful Junk and Loose Parts. Items included, but not limited to, wrapping paper, ribbons, bows, buttons, tiles, bubble wrap, yarn, string, pinecones, acorns, stones, etc. Their Beautiful Junk and Loose Parts were donated to the ASCY (Affiliated Services for Children and Youth). The ASCY created educational resource kits to be used in area classrooms. What a wonderful way to show, Caring and Sharing to colleagues still in the classroom and the children they teach and support!

## **Ottawa-Carleton**

Ottawa-Carleton supported the School Breakfast Program of the Ottawa Network for Education. They focussed on raising funds while having fun. Some of their FUNraising activities included Pricilla Pig who consumed spare change at all the events, the Quarter Frenzy Luncheon featuring Bossy the Cow and Susie Scarecrow, the Christmas Silent Auction, and the February gift of a Blind Date (a book wrapped and decorated for exchanging books with each other). The Ottawa Network for Education acknowledged that Ottawa-Carleton's donation of approximately 1400 dollars made a difference in the lives of Ottawa's school children by fuelling kids and igniting learning every school day.

## **Windsor-Essex**

The project of Windsor-Essex branch was entitled *Remembering Our Members*. Their goal was to share the legacy of their deceased members in a caring manner and to recall achievements and contributions to teaching and to the Windsor-Essex branch. This was done through individual branch memorial services as well as at the branch spring luncheon. Every family of a deceased member received a memorial candle made by branch members. A \$30 donation was sent to the Windsor or Essex Public Library for the purchase of a children's book in memory of each member who died. Accompanying nameplates were provided to attach to the new book before circulation. Over \$1000 was donated over the last five years. The Essex County library wrote: "This is a lasting gift in support of literacy and a lasting memorial to honour a life well lived."