

Dear Friends, greetings from Becoming Neighbours!

God's ABUNDANT BLESSINGS are yearning to be experienced in the most unexpected ways and in and through the most unexpected encounters. This was so true of our experience of being with our guests at "Annette's Boutique". "Living as though love mattered" marked our mutual moments together.

- MARION PACEY, IBVM, prayer partner with Steve, donated 150 handmade scarves and toques she lovingly crocheted. Thanks to Marion, every woman chose her own toque and delighted in the beauty of the gift she had just received.

(Pictured: Belinda with Margaret Paterson, CND.)



- MARY-LOU COLLINS', one of our companions, 93 year-old father, Lou Bardwell, died on Thurs Nov 08 after living a well lived life. Even in the midst of her grieving, Mary-Lou donated her dad's belongings to "Annette's Boutique" including her dad's wheelchair. We immediately contacted various religious communities to see if one of them could use a wheelchair. No one needed one! On Friday evening, the first family we welcomed was a Syrian family with nine children who had only been in Canada for 4 months. The first thing the children laid their eyes on was the wheelchair. The younger children speaking in Arabic became quite spirited. The older children then shared a video clip with us of them playing with their younger sister who had been injured by a bomb back home in Syria. Nothing by chance! There went the gift of Lou! What was even more startling was that when we shared this moment with Mary-Lou she was moved to tears! Her grandfather, Lou's father, had been from the Middle East and the family name had originally been "Habib". Even in death, the spirit of Lou continued to "live as though love mattered!"



Dear Friends, LET US DISCOVER GOD'S BLESSINGS!

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