

Markland Wood 42nd Annual Christmas Caravan 2009 Update

Caravan 2009 was again a huge success and the residents of Markland Wood should be very proud for being able to help so many.

The grand total was over 15,000 pounds of food, a large straight truck filled with clothes and \$750 in cash!

The day started out like so many in the past with dozens of volunteers showing up right on time, eager to start collecting. Year after year regular "Caravaners" meet and we all share stories of Caravans past. Everyone has started out as a new volunteer at one time and we are always glad to see a handful of new helpers.

Our yearly event can't happen without the generous support of the following;

- **Atlantic Packaging** – cartons/boxes to pack our food donations
- **Bloordale United Church** – a warm place to have our lunch break
- **Bruno's Fine Foods** – beautiful meat and cheese trays
- **Cardinal Meats** – Ralph Cater for hamburgers to feed the volunteers
- **Collins and Greig** – the Greig family for supplying the tractor trailer (and their time)
- **Galati's** – fruit trays and food donations
- **PC Matthew Ross** – traffic and escort services
- **Rick Turosky** – mid-morning break and BBQer
- **TDSB** – permit for washroom facilities at SCI
- **The Big Guy in the red suit** – great job!

To the many volunteers that showed up, eager, enthusiastic and on time, thank you!

The Charities have conveyed their thanks to everyone for another wonderful food drive. Our small contributions help supply an endless need and are very much appreciated.

Our recipients of food are:

- The Daily Bread Food Bank,
- The Brothers of the Good Shepherd,
- The Scott Mission.
- All monies collected go to the Toronto Star Santa Claus Fund.
- The clothing collected was donated to Goodwill on Dundas near Islington.

May I wish all of you a Happy and Healthy New Year

Sincerely, *Martin Ross, Christmas Caravan Chair*