

The Ways We Give Lavishly and Abundantly

Lall members of our community give of themselves in numerous ways, and they know they can rely on friends to lend support when they need it. Sticking closer to the village over these past months has not dampened that spirit. Here are some examples of how we fostered a spirit of giving at Innisfree over the course of the year.

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Willie helps Philip, a friend of over 40 years, on his way from the weavery home for lunch.



James gives Ariel flowers from the garden to add to a beautiful bouquet.

"Give lavishly! Live abundantly"

by Helen Steiner Rice

The more you give, the more you get
The more you laugh, the less you fret.
The more you do unselfishly,
The more you live abundantly.
The more of everything you share,
The more you'll always have to spare
The more you love, the more you'll find
That life is good and friends are kind.
For only what we give away,
Enriches us from day to day.

Rice, Helen Steiner. "Give Lavishly, Live Abundantly!" Celebrations of the Heart, F. H. Revell Company, 1987.



Stephen is all smiles prepping the compost with help from his friends Solveig and Thais.

Kevin is always happy to contribute through hard work, even if it gets a bit messy at



This summer, the community created peace flags and hung them throughout the Village as a way to share our love and commitment to helping create peace in our world.



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Willie shares his woodworking talents and attention to detail as he makes guitar-shaped cutting boards.





Bee is happy to take a break from her own weaving to lend a hand helping her friend Kim start a new placemat.



Paul takes great care

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Nich and Tim share a smile with the Village turkeys.

Christopher loves doing his part as Amity's laundry folder!



Mark checks to see if the compost needs to be taken down to the garden.



Giving to the Wider Community



Mark puts together a box of Village goodies for families at Ronald McDonald House.

Our Kiwanis Aktion Club members have not let quarantine stop them from giving to the community. They have been meeting regularly and checking in with their Kiwanis advisor via Zoom. Here are some of the ways they have continued to give over the past few months.

Corinne, Aktion Club President

We baked cookies and we donated to the Ronald McDonald House for the families and their siblings to enjoy some cookies. And we wrote them some nice letters and they really liked that.



Mark, Aktion Club Member

We did school supplies. So we had a store here in the Luria Lounge where Carol

Evans would go to Walmart, buy the supplies, then if you wanted to ... you can help with the store, like put the prices on them, how much they cost, then you will buy it. Then they will be delivered to the school for school supplies. And I think that this year since we cannot go to the Toy Lift, we might be doing it here since we can't go to help sort out the toys for Christmas like we have done in the past years.



We're doing a bake sale for Save the Children so they can have a better life ...Me and Roxanna are going to bake stuff for it the Friday before so then at the Halloween [party] we're going to sell the cookies and the cakes there.

Elizabeth enjoys creating artwork to share with friends, and she makes Connie's day by sharing her coloring page from our Bastille Day celebration.



Bakers Corinne and Roxanna bag some fresh bread to share.





Chris shows off a yummy pie that has been packaged up to be donated.

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Jim loves it when Finn and Ian make homemade pizza for dinner at Meadow!









Andy tops off a donation box with a colorful rainbow!



Our own Irish band Grainneog (Graham, Vanessa, Eric, and Nich) share their musical talents at our St. Patrick's Day celebration.

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Kenmare and New Laurel Take Shape

We could not be more excited to see our Kenmare and new Laurel houses literally taking shape! As you can see, they both have roofs, windows, and doors, and Kenmare has siding! This would certainly not be possible without the generous giving of over 100 individuals and foundations toward this project. We look forward to the day soon that we can give back by hosting visitors in these lovely new homes.

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