

## **ASSOCIATES INVOLVED IN OUTFLOW MINISTRY**

In mid September I put a request out to Associates that we would be providing socks for the marginalized in inner city Saint John to accompany the many food items that we receive for the monthly supper in October. We called it “Socktober”. Low and behold we received a generous number of items for men, women and children.

For November we asked for winter items i.e. hats, scarves, mittens, warm gloves, hand and feet warmers along with coffee and sugar to accompany the supper. Again, we were overwhelmed with the support we received. We are so thankful to all who contributed. This ministry goes well beyond our group including family, friends, neighbours and acquaintances. It is a wonderful witness of how the charism is alive and well within all who are involved. This ministry is now in its 7<sup>th</sup> year when we began providing suppers for 50 people. The numbers have increased dramatically especially this past year. We are now preparing food and the items mentioned above for 150. These numbers are not just homeless persons but also the working poor who cannot make ends meet with the rising costs of everything.

For December, along with providing the supper, we received donations and provided 134 \$5.00 that were distributed to those most in need by the Outflow volunteers. We also made up 125 personal hygiene bags for those in need. For January the Outflow supper is now being served in the shelter. We provided the supper and lots of extra treats were provided. In February, our group will not only be providing the supper, but will also be present to start serving the supper. We have missed doing this during the last three years due to COVID.



l-r – Sharon Jacquard, Rowena & John Doiron  
displaying socks donated in October



l-r -Pat Poole, SCIC, Rowena Doiron  
Mary Ann Kneeland, Mary Matheson  
Janice Martin, Sharon Jacquard  
displaying winter items that were  
donated. Photo taken by John Doiron