

Outreach Committee - Annual Report 2014

We have had another great year with Unity North Outreach. One of the biggest ongoing projects we do is our once a month Family Table meal. This year was another successful year, we served over 1000 meals! Plus we have so much help - the YOU setup tables and chairs the night before, over twenty volunteers help cook, serve and wash dishes at each meal and then the men's group come in and help with the cleanup. It is a true team effort!

Another ongoing project we have is collecting eye glasses for a group called Project Safety Nets. This is one woman who travels to Senegal, Africa every year. She collects personal hygiene supplies, eye glasses and money. With the money, she buys malaria nets and gives them away with the other things. This year we gave 43 pairs of glasses. These go to people who have no other means of getting eye glasses.

Other ongoing projects are:

- Family Promise
- Cub & gas cards for people in emergency need of them.
- Food Shelf - free food bags
- Stuffed animal give away to Mary's Place - a homeless shelter in Minneapolis

One last thing, I am stepping down as the Outreach Chair this year. It has been my pleasure to serve this community. I have had the opportunity to learn new leadership skills and grow spiritually while working with some of the nicest people I've ever met. Volunteering is such a great spiritual growth experience. I wanted to learn a new way to express my love, volunteering and being a part of the Outreach Committee was a great avenue. We were able to try a lot of different projects, some successful others not so much. Volunteering is a great opportunity to learn new skills, make new friends and express your love to others. I feel like this experience has changed my life for the better. If you are looking for something new, give volunteering with Outreach a try. You may find a whole new you, like I did.

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