



This post is incredibly long overdue, and is this really is not about Frenchway. This is about the people of Winnipeg, and how we all come together when there is a need to be filled. Many local businesses, and everyday people supported the drive for donations to help others have a nice gift for the holidays at a time in their life that can seem very dark. Due to the overwhelming response this was our largest year ever and we were able to provide for our original planned Women's shelters as well as 4 other organizations. We provided over 170 gift bags for women, 80 gifts bags for children as well as multiple boxes of goodies for the other organizations we were able to help.

This project would not be possible without the hard work of many, but one person who has been what I would refer to as the Angel behind the scenes is Karen Joseph and her amazing crew. . I would like to give a shout out to the following of her team for their amazing contributions.

Crestview United Church, WRE Development Seniors Block, Westhaven Seniors Block Knit Wits,

Brightwater Seniors Residence, WPS-Report Processing Unit, Modo Yoga, Calendar Club

Giant Tiger-Pembina location

As well the following helped a great deal and so grateful for their time helping with the packing of gift bags as well as the donations of product:

Chatters, Passion Beauty supply, Hair Co WPG , Kate Pentrelli & Megan McGhie

St. Boniface Social workers

Jim Pappas from 93.7 CJNU - thank you for having me on your show to promote this project and to all the listeners who came in with donations. I do believe that a lot of our walk in donations were a direct result of the influence of 93.7.

I look forward to next year and making this Shelter Project come to life again. For all of us who take part, it fills our hearts with gratitude and kindness in a world that is at times very negative.

Thank you to everyone who gives to this drive that we are proud to be a part of.

Larissa