



During the month of December, the First Church in Belfast, UCC started a project called The Tree of Warmth, to provide hats, scarves, socks and mittens for those in Waldo County who need them to keep warm this winter. These items were hung on the city's Christmas trees in Post Office Square and, one by one, they disappeared, sometimes to be replaced by notes of appreciation, like one from an individual who expressed gratitude for the gift and a desire to help others in return by knitting her own contributions.

Almost 300 new or gently used items were donated to the project, many of them by knitters at First Church in Belfast, UCC and elsewhere. With approximately 3000 homeless people living in Waldo County with no local shelter to provide warmth, the need is acute, and the effort continues. Items are now being distributed through the Greater Belfast Area Ministerium's Food Cupboard and local schools. Anyone wishing to donate items, please call the office at First Church in Belfast, UCC 338-2282.