

OUR THANKS TO ALL OUR DONORS WHO REACH OUT WITH US TO KEEP TOUCHING ONE HEART AT A TIME BRINGING HOPE AND COMPASSION!

AND THIS YEAR IT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER!

We continue to be stretched beyond our usual ministries in responding to those in need. And we are most grateful to all our donors for your generous support.

You touched my heart.

When we were hungry ...

When I was in trouble ...

When I'm alone I look forward to our Facetime chats ...

When you comforted us in our loss ...

When you got me shoes. Now I can play with the other kids ...

When I was sick ...

When we were cold ...

When I was so lonely ...

Please consider making a contribution today. No gift is too small.

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<https://cluniusandcanada.org/share-in-our-mission/#make-a-donation>

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with those in need, remind us that there is still goodness and compassion all around us.

True, the pandemic uncovered the systemic inequalities brought about by selfishness and racism. As a society we are challenged to be more concerned for others. Despite the violence, negativity, and evil that is part of our world, we *can* be better. Although we aren't as young as we'd like, or as affluent, or as educated, or as handsome or all the other adjectives the world, and our own fears throw at us each day, we are here, we are still capable of doing the best we can wherever God has placed us. We are people

of hope and courage and we can come out of this time better than we were. The Lord will not give up on us. We can make tomorrow a better day if only we have the will. As Emily Dickenson wrote,

*We never know how high we are
Till we are called to rise;
And then, if we are true to plan,
Our statures touch the skies—**

May our prayers, hope and caring for each other and all our dreams lead us on.

*Emily Dickenson, "We Never Know How High We Are"