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Making a difference...every day

## Regional model for volunteer-led ministry

### GEORGINA'S PLACE

Hay River, NT • Diocese of the Arctic

Georgina's Place, the thrift shop run by St. Andrew's Anglican Church in Hay River, has, for six decades, been a place where families can stretch their dollars and shop with dignity, browsing through racks of neatly-hung, gentlyused clothing and household items. And in the wake of recent thrift shop closures in Whitehorse, Hay River's "WalMart"—as some of the locals have dubbed it—has also become a regional model for volunteer-led ministry.

In an interview with the CBC earlier this year, the Rev. Francis Delaplain attributed the success of Georgina's Place to the generosity of the community in terms of donations but also volunteer hours, admitting "that's the only the way it survives."

Today, with help from the Anglican Foundation of Canada, the many hands that make Georgina's Place a reality will experience greatly improved functionality: the installation of a restroom means that volunteers will no longer be limited in the hours they can work, and running water will enable them to wash clothing, reducing waste and salvaging valuable inventory.

Georgina's Place is named in memory of the Rev. Georgina Bassett, known by her friends and colleagues as "a powerhouse for God."



According to the *Anglican Journal*, she was the first Anglican priest of Slavey descent ordained in the Anglican Church of Canada and was a tireless advocate for the thrift shop in Hay River. AFC is honoured to contribute to her legacy and to this life-giving community ministry.



## Celebrating 60 years

In 2017, AFC is celebrating 60 years of funding initiatives that have had a tangible impact on hundreds of parishes and thousands of individuals across our country. This was possible because of the donations made by Canadian Anglicans who have been inspired to support people, ideas, and innovations that change lives and build up faith communities in Canada.

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### All Saints Anglican Church

Pense, SK • Diocese of Qu'Appelle

It is easy to think of accessibility in its simplest terms: as a bricks and mortar issue. But in a small community of just over 500 residents, one that describes itself as "ready to extend a helping hand to neighbours and strangers alike" (www.pense.ca) it is just as much, if not more, a matter of the heart.

### ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

Kamloops, BC • Territory of the People

Last fall Kamloopsians stood on the street and watched with fascination as new shingles went on the very steep roof of their old cathedral. In an interview for Kamloops This Week, the Very Rev. Ken Gray, dean of St. Paul's, said the project was necessary as mitigating measures were no longer enough: "the roof had to be replaced before the snow" in order to avoid further water damage.

This spring, as parishioners gather for worship inside the cathedral, a glance upward to the rafters and the heavens beyond might include at least some rejoicing for all those who came This is particularly true in the case of All Saints Anglican Church in Pense, where members took on an ambitious project to install a wheelchair ramp, replace eaves troughs and fascia, upgrade electrical services, and paint the kitchen and entryway. Indeed, parishioners use the word "revival" to describe the impact these upgrades have had: "The Church is no longer just a building in town, but a thriving part of the community."

Centrally located in the Regina–Moose Jaw Corridor, Pense is comprised of a small but "eclectic mix of farm families descending from the original settlers, senior citizens, young families and people who work in the cities," many at nearby potash plants. The people of All Saints have made it their mission to make themselves ready for ministry in this small but vibrant setting, and the Anglican Foundation is proud to have helped make the parish's dreams a reality.



together to keep this much-loved church high and dry.

For 60 years, AFC has helped to fix leaky roofs on aging buildings. In scripture, water is a source of life and salvation; but no one wants to see it running down the walls.



# We are changing the way we communicate with you

- All donors will receive:
- one reminder to make your annual contribution in the fall of each year
- occasional requests for special projects throughout the year
- a copy of the Foundation Update every two months



## We are looking for:

#### DIOCESAN PARTNERS & Representatives

The Anglican Foundation works in partnership with dioceses across the country to raise funds, increase awareness of the work of the Foundation, and provide grants and loans for ministry initiatives. Diocesan Councils and Bishops are responsible for reviewing and approving applications for funding and identifying where the greatest need exists.

Dioceses also encourage parishes to become donors in order to have access to grants. Many dioceses finance the annual contribution of each parish within their diocese for this purpose, and to ensure that the Anglican Foundation receives a steady flow of support.

As part of its partnership with the Foundation, each diocese is invited to select a Diocesan Representative to promote and support the work of the Foundation. The roles of the Diocesan Representative are to:

- Share the stories of the Foundation within the diocese to increase awareness and financial support.
- Act as a liaison with Foundation staff when needed concerning grant applications from within the diocese.
- Represent the diocese as a voting member at the Foundation's AGM where possible.

The Diocesan Representative is appointed by the Bishop, with the approval of Diocesan Council, and renewed annually. Candidates for the position should be familiar with and committed to the work of the Foundation, and they should be an annual donor to the Foundation.

Those interested in contributing to the work of the Foundation as a Diocesan Representative are encouraged to contact their Bishop.

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