



## DECEMBER WAS DIFFERENT

It is relatively quiet now. John, Paul, Scott and many other Misericordia residents have returned to their regular jobs across campus after spending December helping to fill 7,000 bakery orders.



*Katy, middle, with volunteers*

In addition to the residents who regularly work in the Hearts & Flour Bakery, the additional residents who came in for the month, and the regular volunteers who added extra days of work, there were, quite literally, more than 1,000 special volunteers who came to help in December.

This is a different atmosphere than the one our resident workers are used to. It was an exciting time where they could make many new friends and have an entirely new set



*Scott, left, with volunteers*

of people to whom they could retell their life story. And after a month of hectic activity, many of the residents are happy to be back to working with old friends at their usual pace.

And if you are wondering how they felt about coming to work in those sub-zero days of early January, the answer is they stayed home and we ran the Bakery with a skeleton staff.



*Lori, right, with volunteer*

They are back now, fully aware that every gift box we send makes someone happy.



*Maryann and Leah in background with volunteers in foreground*

## HEARTS & FLOUR BAKERY AN “EARLY ECONOMIC INDICATOR”?

Is it us or is the economy really rebounding? Our online orders rose 30% over 2012 and corporate orders rose nearly as much. Maybe this growth is just the economy or maybe it is a combination of the quality of our products, the value we offer and who we are. Whatever the reason, when we shut down for Christmas we are exhausted and very appreciative of the support given us by our friends, both old and new.



## JANUARY IS NOT JUST FOR GYMS!

Okay, we all ate more than we should have in December and are now focusing on starving ourselves. But really, could a few chocolate covered pretzels hurt or perhaps some peppermint bark or even a delicious Irish Whiskey Bundt Cake?

And then there are those friends (or clients) we left off our holiday list and now need to wish them a happy 2014. Every month we feature some specials on our web page. Visit [misericordia.org](http://misericordia.org) under “online shop” to see the monthly specials.

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Valentine’s Day!