



A SPECIAL TIME IN THE BAKERY



The holiday season brings out the best in people. It is also our busiest time in the Bakery; between Thanksgiving and Christmas we will fill orders for over 7,000 bakery gift boxes.

To achieve this, everyone pitches in. Misericordia residents who have jobs elsewhere on campus move to the bakery to work. Regular volunteers who ordinarily come one day a week come several days a week. We hire more bakers and supervisors to make sure that every order is filled perfectly.

But the truly remarkable part of these weeks in the Bakery is the hundreds of seasonal volunteers who come to help.

Schools send their students. Churches organize adults. Businesses send entire offices. Some come for lunch in the Greenhouse Inn and then work an afternoon shift. One company sent its entire office to work until 6:00 p.m. and then held their office party on campus.

Whole families come year after year; three generations working side by side is not unusual.

We see young adults home from college whom we saw volunteering when they were 14 years old. Choral groups, retired electricians, retirees who postpone their winter in Florida come to help.

They come because we need them and they know that the sales in December fund this important work program for months to come. They also come because of what they receive: that feeling we all enjoy when we know we have done something good and have been part of something special.

SEE FOR YOURSELF:

Go to www.misericordia.org, click on the "volunteer" tab, then "Holiday Help" and select the link to "Holiday Bakery." Scroll down and look at the individuals and groups who have signed up. If you want to add your name to that list, we would love to see you.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Relax. We have you covered.

First a disclaimer: As wonderful as our Bakery gift boxes are we do not recommend one as your primary gift to a significant other.

But our gifts are perfect for Aunt Tilley in Tacoma, the wonderful neighbor who moved away, something to take with you when you visit relatives and friends (check out the bundt cakes), and for anyone who has to think of something to give to "the relatives."



There is no better way to thank the doctors and nurses who have taken care of a loved one than to send a cookie tray.

Small companies and large send our gift boxes to thank customers and clients. If you are thinking of having your company send out a couple dozen to 1,000 gift boxes it's best to give us a call so we can work with you for the easiest way to place your order.

For the rest of you, click anywhere on this page to see our holiday offerings and then place your order online by Friday, December 20. Our last day to ship is Monday, December 23, and then we have to stop taking orders until January. If you order now, you can select a shipment date anytime in December.

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Happy New Year!