

2015 Christmas Tree-Lighting Celebration Annual Report

Our 9th Annual Christmas Tree-Lighting Celebration was a magical, winter Evening- with over 1,000 people of all ages attending!

Our Christmas Tree shone brightly at our Official Lighting Ceremony-with 530' of beautifully draped Christmas lights checked-out/replaced by our Walden Srs & Pensioners Woodworkers + Equipment North

Students from Ecole St. Paul, LDSS, R.H. Murray PS, St. James School, Walden PS plus Christ Anglican Church –sang Christmas carols & songs for people from Walden & the CGS: Ecole St. Paul Choir [Grades 1-7], LDSS [Rock Band], Emmanuela Van Allen [Gr. 8, St. James School], R. H. Murray PS [Snowflake Choir], Walden PS [Primary Choir & Glee Club] and Christ Anglican Church Choir **...performed beside our Christmas Tree- in front of the Farm House.**

Our AFMHS Volunteers & Lockerby CSS student volunteer, were kept busy in the Stable handing-out FREE Tim Horton's Hot Chocolate, cookies, candy and FREE Popcorn + Coffee for adults

The Walden Srs' Workshop In the Granary-was filled with people enjoying **Santa's Helpers** display of old & new hand-made wooden toys & woodworking Projects- while **LDSS students** handed out Hot Chocolate , coffee & cookies

Children visited with Santa in the Stable - perhaps relaying a few more wishes to the gentleman in time for Christmas & having photos taken by parents. **Over 200 children milked 'Northern Maple'- NOAFEM's Life-Sized Cow;** received a ribbon + Farquhar's Dairies chocolate milk [sponsored by West Sudbury Manitoulin & East Sudbury/West Nipissing Milk Producers]. And everyone enjoyed the displays of vintage Toys from the AFM Collection.

Outside families visited with our **GS Volunteer Firefighters from Walden' Stations** or took FREE horse-drawn trolley rides with **Wagon Wheel Ranch.**

None of this would be possible without the help of our Long-Term City Of Greater Sudbury, Business, Community Partners & Sponsors.

Thanks to our KEY Sponsors: City of Greater Sudbury & Greater Sudbury Museums for their long-term support. A warm Thank You, to our MC Forbes Stoodley, Walden-CAN- who keeps things moving smoothly every year!

Sincere appreciation to our Long-Term Community Partners & Sponsors: Tim Horton's Lively, Santa & Mrs Claus, Walden Lions Club, Walden Seniors Woodworkers, KICX917, The Sudbury Star, GS Volunteer Firefighters, Ecole St. Paul, LDSS, R.H. Murray PS, St. James School , Walden PS, Everett Matthew [our Santa Shuttle Bus Driver], student volunteers from LDSS & Lockerby CSS and Lively Physiotherapy for sponsoring FREE Wagon Wheel Ranch trolley rides.

And Special Thanks to our AFM Heritage Society Volunteers and family.

Total Volunteer Hours = 350 Hours [@\$20 per Hr] = \$7,000 In-Kind Services

2015 Christmas Tree-Lighting Committee

April 7, 2016 AGM