

## Holy Family Parish was giving back by giving a little

Running around with the hustle and bustle during this busy time, getting ready for the holidays and Christmas, people often tend to forget how sometimes, something so little can mean so much to individuals and families who struggle and are in need. For the third year now, the members of Holy Family Parish in Bolton not only have given a little but some have given a great deal of time and money to help support local community services and those whom which they serve. The pastors, staff and parishioners at Holy Family have always been strong advocates and supporters of Caledon Community Services (CCS) and the Exchange, taking part in various food drives throughout the year, volunteering and being involved in different fundraising and awareness programs. However their commitment has come through even more clearly at Christmas, as they have helped to raise thousands of dollars and hundreds of toy, clothing and gift items in the last two years. This year has been no different, as the Parish community came together to exceed last year's contribution to CCS's Santa Fund, with more than 100 clothing, hygiene essentials and toy items being collected. However, the more substantial part of the donations were allocated to the tweens/teens, with in excess of \$5,145 in gift cards being purchased from local community merchants, helping to support not only those in need but also community businesses. The goal this year had been to raise \$5,000. The Holy Family Giving Tree committee would like send sincerest gratitude to everyone who has helped make this possible. Without their support and generosity, this would not have been possible. Many thanks also go out to the 15 hard-working ladies who helped organize the drive.



Charlene Saccon was accompanied recently by her children Vittoria and Luciano as she represented the Holy Family Giving Tree committee in presenting contributions to CCS's Manager of Poverty Reduction Partnerships Kim D'Eri. Photo by Bill Rea