

The Public Good Society of Dartmouth Board of Directors (*left to right, back row*) Ann Osborne, Doug Livingstone, Terry Brennan, Monique Mullins-Roberts; (*front row left to right*) Marilyn More, Frances Drolet-Smith, Barry Schmidl. *absent from photo:* Gloria McCluskey, Michael Savage, James MacLean, Arne Buchannan, Marilyn Welland.

## The Public Good Society of Dartmouth

Many parishioners gave us positive feedback on *The Public Good Society of Dartmouth* article in the last newsletter – sincere thanks for your comments and donations. We wanted to provide a brief update.

Our group is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing community supports and their effectiveness, for people living in vulnerable circumstances. Our *Connections that WORK* Project helps users of core services, such as hot meal programs and food banks, to connect with programs they identify as next steps towards employment and self-reliance. The project's outreach person, Kevin Little, regularly visits Margaret's House and Dartmouth food banks, including Christ Church's, and provides information, support and referrals to other services in the community.

This month our project facilitator is carrying a caseload of over 100 clients. The Board of Directors receives monthly reports detailing the increasing information inquiries and referrals. In addition, we are given brief stories that dramatically show how this project is meeting critical needs in people's lives. This information is being integrated into broader work on social issues by the board members, who are all active participants in community issues in their regular work and volunteer activities. Once again, together we are making a real difference.

With gratitude for your involvement and support,

Marilyn More The Rev. Frances Drolet-Smith

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