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Title: Giving is contagious!

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Kathy has a gift of sensitivity. When someone shares with her about any problems they are facing she always tries to pray for them during the week and call them to see how they are doing.

She also enjoys baking bread using a bread maker that a friend gave her years ago. Kathy loves to give away loaves of bread to friends and congregation members who appreciated its homemade texture and taste. A few years ago she felt concerned for some older members of her church. It was Christmas and they did not have any family. She baked some special little loaves of bread, wrapped them with some nice paper and put some red ribbon around them. On the Sunday before Christmas she handed out these packages to her “special friends”, wishing them a Happy Christmas.

As Christmas approached the following year, these same friends hinted they would be happy to help her make some special bread for others they thought would really enjoy it. This sharing of special bread loaves has become a bit of a tradition in Kathy’s church. Each year since then Kathy and her friends make and distribute more than 30 Christmas bread loaves to other older and lonely people who truly appreciate such gifts of love.