

Niagara Heritage of Hope and Service, Inc.  
Home of Historic Holy Trinity  
December 2024

Wait ... don't blink! It was just yesterday that we started the year and now we are fast approaching the time to ring in 2025! Another year filled with blessings from above as we kept our organization and the complex running as smoothly as possible.

**June 24, 2009:** Yes, that is not a misprint; the date is correct. That was when Niagara Heritage of Hope and Service became owners of Historic Holy Trinity. We are thankful for being able to run the organization and manage this historic complex for 15 years, doing it all through volunteers and donations.

**Heavenly Threads 716 - our Community Thrift Store:** Sadly, we had to substantially scale our operations back and only open the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month. Even with that, the support of our community has kept us thriving throughout the year. In fact, our November and December sales reached record sales since our inception in 2011. A huge and heartfelt thank goes out to: our volunteers for their merchandising displays and social media posts showing all of the wonderful items we have for re-sale; to everyone who shops with us and spreads the word about our store; and for your ongoing donations. Your generosity has allowed us to continue providing our teachers with free books and school supplies, and to keep the elementary school clothes closets stocked. The store will be closed for the winter season but don't fret, it will re-open on Saturday, April 5, 2025 from 10am-2pm.

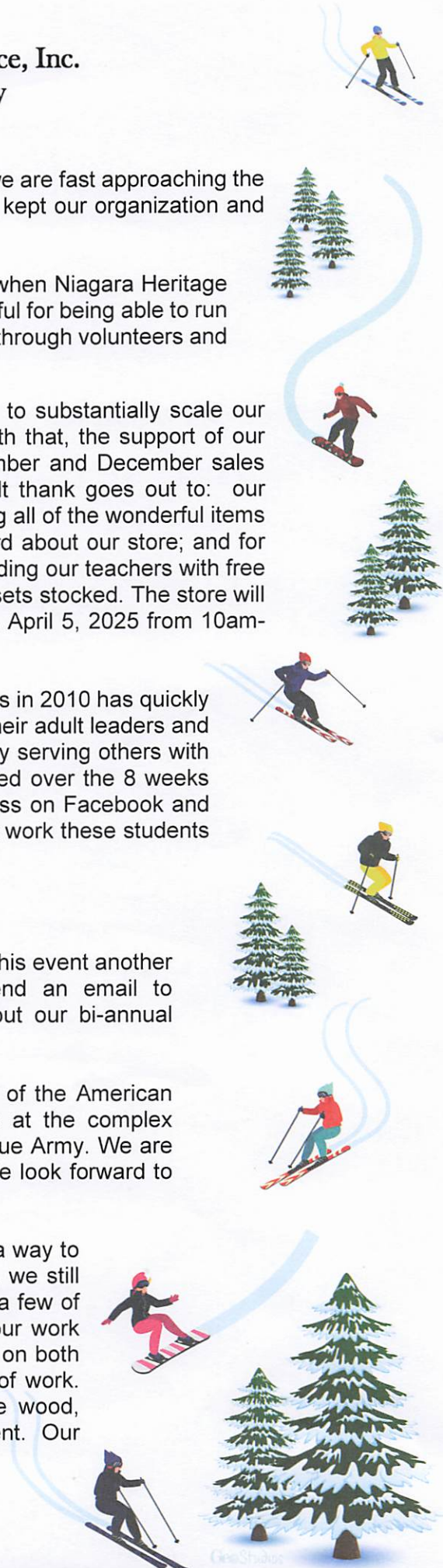
**YouthWorks 2024:** What humbly began with one church group for two days in 2010 has quickly turned into a 14-year partnership that continues to flourish with students, their adult leaders and YouthWorks staff immersing themselves to serve God in our community by serving others with much love and enthusiasm. We are ever grateful for the help we received over the 8 weeks YouthWorks was in town this past summer. We post their weekly progress on Facebook and Instagram so be sure to "follow us" at Historic Holy Trinity to see the great work these students each year.

We are excited for the coming year and the projects we are working on.

**Jammin Polkafest:** Planning has begun! Volunteers are what will make this event another success. If you would be interested in helping us out, please send an email to [mdomagalski@historicht.org](mailto:mdomagalski@historicht.org). And stay tuned for more information about our bi-annual fundraising event in 2025.

**Honoring our Polish Heritage and Veterans:** Through the generosity of the American Legion Portage Post, we will be unveiling a permanent remembrance at the complex honoring the Holy Trinity parishioners that were members of the Polish Blue Army. We are also work on exciting changes and expansion of our history museum. We look forward to sharing more with you in the Spring.

Yes, we have come a long way in 2024. But we also have a way to go. While no one receives a salary at Historic Holy Trinity, we still need to pay for utilities, maintenance and fuel just to name a few of those items that allow us to "keep our lights on" and get our work done. We also realized this past summer that the windows on both the school building and the church are in desperate need of work. While students began painting a few of them to save the wood, several need re-glazing and many are in need of replacement. Our goal is to begin raising funds for this specific project.



While we are ever grateful for your support and donations to the thrift store, we are reaching out for additional volunteers to keep our store going. If you or someone you know would be interested in helping us, even if it is just one day a month, please reach out to us. There are so many areas in which your time and talents would be appreciated, such as sorting donations, pricing and stocking, working the register, and general cleaning. You'll work with a great group of volunteers, and interact with the wonderful clientele that shop with us!

Other ways to help: Shop at Heavenly Threads 716 Thrift store (or spread the word by telling others about us), volunteer with general office and light bookkeeping or, if you prefer, a monetary donation is always humbly welcomed with a check to: Holy Trinity Preservation, 1419 Falls Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14303. No amount is too small. All donations are tax deductible and can also be made on-line at <https://niagara-heritage-of-hope-and-service-inc.square.site/donations>.

May your home be filled with the warmth, comfort and blessings from above, and your heart be filled with strength, love, courage, trust, and above all, faith.

Merry Christmas and a blessed 2025 ahead!  
Niagara Heritage of Hope and Service

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