

A Small Box of Valentines

I love you's could be heard up and down the halls at MUST. Valentine's Day was two days away and our food pantry was overflowing with red boxes of valentines to be shared with children. A mother with 4 children came to get bread and before she was ready to go I asked if she would like to choose valentines for her children. "How wonderful" she replied, carefully looking at each box. "This one will be just right; every child can have 2". "What do you mean?" I asked. "One box will be enough for my family". Interrupting I said, "Oh no one for each child". I looked at her face, her brown eyes filled with tears she slowly selected 3 more boxes, held them close to her chest and whispered to me, "I have never had money enough to buy extra for my children, now they will be like all the other children when they take their valentines to school, thank you."

In the simplicity of a small box of valentines, this mother felt the limitless generosity of love.