



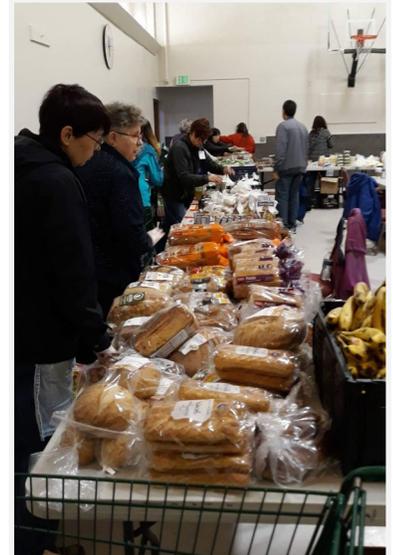
The CedarWood Report



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Celebrating CedarWood Pantry's 6th Anniversary!



CedarWood opened its first Pantry event 6 years ago, on April 8, 2013. That day we fed 13 families, only 2 of which were *not* volunteers! Our Pantry now averages 90 families (or 300+ people) weekly. We are pleased to share a few photos we took during our 6th anniversary Pantry on Monday, April 8, 2019.

Over these past 6 years we have also provided coats and clothes, weekend food for hungry elementary school children, household items, hot meals for the homeless, frozen turkeys and sides during the holidays, and so much more!

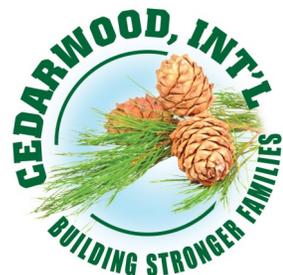
We are so thankful for all those who have supported us with donations, given their time and energies as volunteers, and shared their love and prayers with us. And we invite many others to join us in our mission to "Build Stronger Families" as we reach out to our community with the practical love of Jesus!



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CEDARWOOD BATTLES “SNOWMAGEDDON”



CEDARWOOD PARKING LOT

In February, the entire Seattle-Tacoma area, including our Pantry location, was hit with what the newspapers labeled, “Snowmageddon.” To fully understand this odd title, you have to realize that Seattle’s weather is considered “mild” compared to other U.S. locations, with cold and wet weather in the winter, and an occasional snowfall of 2-3 inches during the winter. Not so this year!

Our Pantry parking lot was buried in 12+ inches of heavy snow, making it nearly impossible for any vehicle, including our CW truck and van, to get in. Add to this the steep driveway and you have a very challenging set of circumstances if you need to open your doors to feed the community! The first week we postponed opening until Wednesday. The following week we had to no choice but to close for the first time since we started 6 years ago. There was just no way for cars, shopping carts or foot traffic to navigate the deep snow. With some extra effort by the men on staff, several snow shovels, and eventually the generous offer from a local resident to plow the parking lot, we were finally able to allow our customers safe access. We are thankful for no injuries, for the kind man who cleared the lot for us and finally, for the arrival of warmer Spring temperatures!



OUR DIRECTOR, HARD AT WORK

VOLUNTEER CORNER: THE “I AM BECOMING” TEAM

On CedarWood’s 6th anniversary of serving the community, we recognize the many valuable organizations we have been privileged to work with and are grateful for each one and how they contribute to the whole mission. One such partnership is with the women of “I Am Becoming.” This non-profit women’s leadership team focuses on providing help and hope to women of all ages and backgrounds. They offer encouragement and coaching for mentally healthy women who are feeling dissatisfied, stuck in a rut, who are in a life transition period such as divorce or job loss, need inner healing, or who are looking for overall wholeness and spiritual growth.

I Am Becoming holds a free class once a month at 6:30pm at Bethel Chapel. They offer a safe atmosphere that encourages women to challenge themselves to think critically, seek out the root cause of problems, and participate in group discussions and exercises. They provide powerful key tools to help transform and restore women’s lives and futures. Many Pantry clients attend, and we often hear testimonies of positive changes happening.



VOLUNTEERS (L-R) CASSANDRA, GEORGINA & VERONICA

Several ladies from this team volunteer at our Pantry on Mondays. During that time they not only help us with the setup and cleanup, but during shopping time they also interact with our women customers, offering words of encouragement and individual prayer. We are so grateful for them—they complete CedarWood’s mission to minister to the whole person, body, soul and spirit. We love you ladies, and are so grateful for each of you. Thank you! ❤️

Get Involved!

CedarWood International needs YOUR help to build stronger families! Consider donating money, food, or volunteer your time. Monetary donations are tax-deductible. Please write checks to World For Jesus Ministries (WFJM) and mail to the address on Page 1. Please notate “CedarWood” in the memo section of your check. Online donations also accepted at <http://worldforjesus.org/ministries>. Click the “CedarWood International” donate button to add your donation to the cart. — THANK YOU! —