



The CedarWood Report



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An Eventful 2017 Year End for the CedarWood Pantry

The final months of 2017 were filled with excitement as the CedarWood Pantry hummed with year-end activity. From holiday meals, to children's gifts, to receiving unexpected corporate donations, our staff and volunteers were kept busy arranging special events and providing other assistance for the many families who weekly receive help through our food bank. Here are a few of the events and blessings we experienced this year end:



Turkey Meal Distribution

In addition to distributing food as usual in our Monday Pantry, every year we provide holiday meals of whole turkeys and all the trimmings for our clients and other needy families in our area. This year was no exception! At Thanksgiving we distributed over 120 turkey dinners and another 100 turkey meals at Christmas time. Our clients were all smiles as they received these special holiday meals. We also partnered with Sonrise Christian Center, that held a year-end food drive to benefit CedarWood. In turn, we provided meals for 34 Sonrise church families who were in need of help over the holidays.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

Nothing is more satisfying than witnessing a child's delight at receiving a new toy, especially when, due to their family situation, gifts would not be in the budget. We were privileged to be able to provide multiple toys for each Pantry child this Christmas. Most of the toys were donated by a local restaurant, who for the third year

in a row, collected a host of beautiful toys from their customers. These 400+ generous gifts ranged from stuffed animals, dolls and games to bicycles, scooters and small electronics. So much excitement was in the air as these toys were distributed! Our grateful thanks to the management and customers of Chopsticks of Edmonds!



New toy, Happy Boy!

YEAR END CORPORATE GIFTS

This year end, CedarWood was privileged to receive two generous cash donations from local organizations, one from Sonrise Christian Center and the other from Cash and Carry. We are honored to be recognized for the value and impact CedarWood has made in our community in 2017. These funds help contribute to the work we do in feeding and providing clothing, household goods and other support for at-risk families and children in the local community. It was both a surprise and a tremendous blessing to have their support and we are immensely grateful for these generous gifts.



Cash & Carry donates to CedarWood

THANK YOU!

We also want to express our sincere thanks to the WFJM friends and partners who over this past year have prayed for us, volunteered their time and energy, and freely gave of their resources to this valuable work. We love you!



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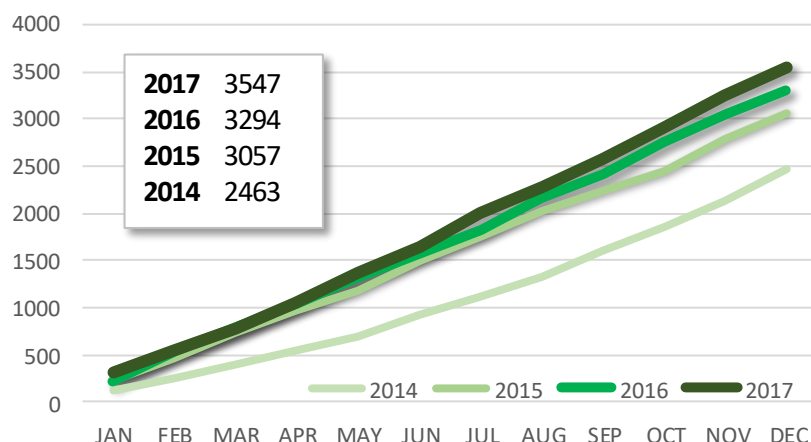
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The Results Are In: Steady Growth = 7.7% More Families Strengthened!

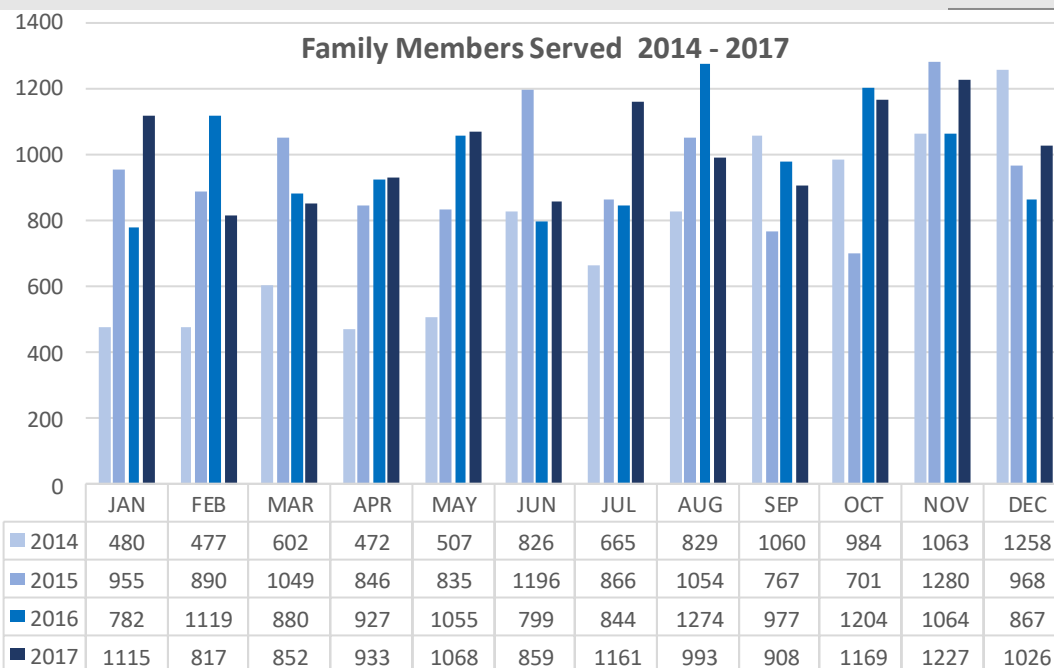
Cumulative Households 2014 -2017



CedarWood's mission, as reflected in our logo, is **BUILDING STRONGER FAMILIES**. Our pattern over the past 4 years has been steady growth, for which we are grateful! But we are not only after numbers—rather, we are about **strengthening** families, and **supporting** individuals, parents and children to receive the help they need **at the time they need it**. Some families struggle for longer periods of time and we are happy to serve them as long as they need us. Others get back on their feet quickly and move on. We exist to minister to the **whole** person—body, soul and spirit.

2017 NUMBERS SHOW A 7.7% GROWTH OVER 2016

Family Members Served 2014 - 2017



Sometimes our people come for more than just food and clothes—they come for **encouragement, hope and friendship**. Whether new faces or old, we are so glad they come! And every week we are blessed to be able to provide them with food, clothes, smiles, encouraging words and prayer—for the whole person. We are excited that we continue to grow, touching more and more lives each year with God's love!

WE HAVE REACHED OUR LIMIT SPACE-WISE. PLEASE PRAY FOR US TO LOCATE A NEW BUILDING.



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