



The CedarWood Report



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CedarWood Pantry's 2018 Year-End Update

Below are a few of the holiday events and blessings we experienced during this busy and eventful year end:

TURKEYS! TURKEYS! TURKEYS! HOLIDAY MEALS FOR HUNGRY FAMILIES

Again this year, in addition to the usual fare available every Monday, the CedarWood Food Pantry was delighted to be able to provide holiday meals to local families. We gave away a total of 120 whole turkeys with all the trimmings at Thanksgiving, and another 112 turkey meals at Christmas. Also during this time, we partnered with Sonrise Christian Center, Annie's Community Kitchen, Millennia Ministries and Operation Sky Valley to distribute 45 of the total holiday meals to families outside our Pantry who were in need of help over the holidays. You should have seen the faces of those who received the holiday meals—pure joy!



BOUNTIFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS DONATED FOR PANTRY CHILDREN

On December 17th, a mother came to us in tears, saying *"Food, clothing, and now TOYS? This is amazing! I'm SO overwhelmed, I don't know what to say except THANK YOU!"* Her response was typical of many parents who came to the Pantry that Monday, not expecting this extra blessing for their children. The toys were donated by a local restaurant, which for the 4th year in a row, collected a host of wonderful toys from their customers. These generous gifts ranged from stuffed animals, dolls, balls and games to bicycles, scooters and much, much more. So much excitement was in the air as these gifts were distributed to children and families who, due to financial difficulties, may not otherwise have been able to provide a Christmas for their children. Our grateful thanks to Eileen Werner and the kind, generous friends and patrons of Chopsticks in Edmonds, for helping to make Christmas so special for more than 127 children this year!



EILEEN WERNER WITH TOYS FROM HER CUSTOMERS



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CedarWood Honored with Generous Corporate Donations

CedarWood was again privileged to receive generous cash donations from two local organizations, one from **Sonrise Christian Center in Everett** for \$1,500 and the other from **Smart Foodservice in Bothell** for \$5,362. We are honored to be recognized for the value and impact CedarWood Food Pantry has made in our community in 2018. These funds help contribute to the work we do in feeding and providing clothing, household goods and other support for at-risk families, children and those experiencing homelessness in the local community. It was both a surprise and a tremendous blessing to have their support and we are incredibly grateful for these generous gifts. Our thanks to both organizations for helping us help others in need!



CedarWood's (CW) Director, Adam Shephard, receiving a check from members of the Bothell Smart Foodservice (SFS) Management Team
FRONT ROW: Darrell Hughes (CW), Adam Shephard (CW), Andrea Dahl (SFS), & Joe Gregorich (SFS). **BACK ROW:** Chris Miklasiewicz (CW), Ty Swartz (SFS), & Frank Solter (CW). **NOT PICTURED:** Rocky Seabott, Store Manager

2018 Pantry grows by almost 20% and adds 193 new families!

What does this incredible numerical growth mean to CedarWood? I'm glad you asked!

- Our increased clientele means our **CedarWood food pantry is making a larger community impact in the fight against hunger!** So not only did we grow last year, but we grew more in 2018 than we did in the previous two years combined!
- The explosive growth in our Pantry clients means that **more families received coats and clothing of all kinds from our CedarWood clothing closet.**
- We launched a new division of our organization where CedarWood leaves our base of operations to find people in the midst of their need. **We added a hot meal program where we cook food and deliver it to the homeless** each weekend with coats, clothes, and more. We fed an average of 75+ individuals each week--over 3000 people in 2018!
- It means **your partnership with us is more important than ever!** CedarWood is nothing, if not a partnership. We partner with God, who empowers and provides. We partner with our donors—both stores and individuals—who provide resources. We partner with our volunteers and staff who selflessly give their time, energy, and talents. And we partner with our clients who spread the word in our community, letting others know why they should come and be blessed in the same manner! We could not (and do not want to) do this without you! Thank you!

2018 STATS

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| ◆ 193 new families registered for assistance | ◆ 18.2% increase in # of weekly volunteers & hours |
| ◆ 4,234 total family members served | ◆ Average 70-85 homeless persons served weekly |
| ◆ 19.4 growth in 2018 vs. under 8% in 2016 & 2017 | ◆ 3,200 Backpack Kids meal kits distributed |



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