



The CedarWood Report



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Summer Food Drive for Kids a Huge Success!

This August, CedarWood held a 2-day food drive at a local QFC grocery store to benefit our Backpack Kids program, and we were met with outstanding community support! Not only did we collect an enormous amount of kid-friendly food, (more than 8,000 individual food items), but cash donations totaled over \$1,000 towards the future purchase of food for the children. You may be aware that we currently feed 160 kids each weekend and pack 400 food kits at a time, with each kit containing 6 meals 2 fruit, 1 canned veggie and 4 snacks. Each child receives a bag of food every weekend. We are so grateful to God for His continued provision to feed these kids and to the community for their amazing generosity. Our thanks also to Kim, manager at QFC, and her team for their strong support in hosting this event.

Final QFC food drive numbers:

- 312 canned entrees (chili, canned pasta, etc.)
- 171 jars of peanut butter
- 1179 boxes of mac and cheese or top ramen
- 335 canned meats (tuna, chicken, etc.)
- 1190 fruit servings (applesauce, diced fruits, raisins)
- 116 cans of vegetables
- 2055 breakfast items (oatmeal packets, cereal bars, etc.)
- 1508 granola bars
- 927 assorted snacks (fruit snacks, pretzels, chips, cookies, etc.)



CEDARWOOD FOOD DRIVE DISPLAY TABLE

All this added up to a grand total of 8,006 individual units, or the equivalent of 615 food kits worth of food, or about 3,690 meals for hungry students!



ABOVE: SOME AWESOME HELPERS! ● RIGHT: VOLUNTEERS SORTING DONATIONS



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JOYOUSLY SERVING FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY

CedarWood's goal and founding mission is *"BUILDING STRONGER FAMILIES."* Within this framework are many ways we do just that. Our **Food Pantry** reaches an average of 80-90 families per week with a shopping cart full of food. The **Homeless Outreach** serves those most at risk each weekend with a hot meal, clothing, and a to-go bag of food. The **Backpack Kids** program supplies hungry kids with weekend food when school lunches are not available. And our **Clothing Closet** is open for anyone who needs help. Here are our latest numbers:

Cumulative 2019 YTD Statistics	
CedarWood Food Pantry	
Pantry Families Served	3,518
Combined Family Members	11,367
New Families Registered	143
Coats Distributed	134
Shoes Distributed	211
CedarWood Homeless Outreach	
Homeless Meals Served	2,953
Coats Distributed	84
Shoes Distributed	51
CedarWood Backpack Kids	
BackPack Kids Meal Kits Assembled	2,050



Remember when you were a kid, thinking about going back to school after the summer? Some were sad that their carefree days were ending, while others were looking forward to beginning a fresh new school year, reuniting with friends and schoolmates, and getting back into the school routine. Either way, it is an exciting time for the community, businesses, schools and churches in our area that step up each year to freely provide the necessary school items that at-risk children may otherwise not receive

due to their family's financial situation. Again in 2019, CedarWood was pleased to contribute by offering packages of new socks and underwear to Pantry kids and Backpack kids whose families were not able to afford such extras.

In addition to providing 61 Pantry children with new socks and underwear, in mid-August we were privileged to partner with Operation Sky Valley and Mountain Valley Chapel to bless 109 children and teens in the rural area of Gold Bar, WA. This Back-to-School event offered backpacks and school supplies, haircuts, clothing, shoes, socks, underwear, coats and hats to local children, many of whom are also served through our Backpack Kids weekend feeding program. After the event, we were able to take all the extra clothing to our CedarWood Clothing Closet so that Pantry children could also receive something "new" for the school year.



PARENTS SHOP FREE FOR THEIR CHILDREN

Thank you to all of you who pray and financially support the families and children served by CedarWood!

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.

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