



The CedarWood Report



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WRAPPING UP 2020 WITH HELP AND HOPE

During the 2020 holiday season, CedarWood, along with our generous partners, made it possible for the families in our community to receive additional help and support. Using some creative solutions, we were able to ensure that our clients received both a Thanksgiving meal and toys for their children at Christmas.



TURKEY DINNERS: In November, we discovered that stores we had worked with in the past were not accepting bulk orders for frozen turkeys. Instead, we were able to purchase grocery store gift cards so that each family could pick up a turkey to go along with the box of side dishes we provided to them. We especially want to thank **Sonrise Christian Center** in Everett, WA for the generous cash donation that helped make this gift card purchase possible. We are thankful that everyone who wanted a turkey was still able to serve one on their Thanksgiving table.



TOY DONATIONS FROM CHOPSTICKS RESTAURANT & PATRONS

TOY DONATIONS: For the 6th year in a row, the staff and patrons of **Chopsticks Restaurant** in Edmonds, WA, donated toys to CedarWood. Despite the limitations they experienced with collecting donations because of restrictions prohibiting indoor food service, they gave us a substantial number of toys, games, dolls, stuffed animals and more, plus a donation of \$540 in cash. Using the cash, we were able to shop for additional gifts appropriate for teens and babies. We set up a series of weekday appointments so that families could personally shop for their children, safely away from crowds. The remaining families shopped for toys the following Monday during regular Pantry hours. All in all, we distributed toys and gifts to 138 Pantry

children. Our thanks to **Eileen Werner** and her customers for their generosity during unusual times and for persevering to provide Christmas joy for so many children. We appreciate you!

SPECIAL YEAR-END CASH DONATION: CedarWood would like to recognize **Smart Foodservice** in Bothell, WA for their partnership with us and for the generous year-end donation. During a fundraiser at their store, their customers raised almost **\$5,300** for our food pantry. Special thanks to **Rocky, Joe, Andrea and Ty**, their incredible leadership team, for helping us help our community.



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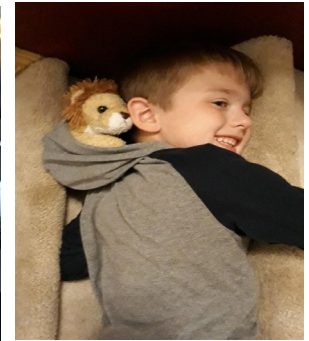
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Blessing Families with Gifts at Christmas



2020 Year-End Update

Highlights from our 2020 Year-Ending Numbers

It is no surprise to anyone that our annual statistics were affected by the outbreak of COVID and the regulations and closures that followed. Our various departments were affected in unique ways:

- ◆ With exactly 200 new families added to our weekly **Food Pantry**, 2020 was our 2nd highest year for growth in our 8-year history.
- ◆ Predictably, our **BackPack Kids Program** numbers were lower because the school district closed classrooms and moved to a “remote from home” digital class system.
- ◆ We VASTLY increased our **Homeless Outreach** this year, feeding 2,008 more meals than in 2019. This represents a 72% growth factor.
- ◆ Our **Clothing Closet** was closed part of the year until regulations eased.

Cumulative 2020 YTD Stats

CedarWood Pantry

Pantry Families Served	4,893
Combined Family Members	15,428
New Families Registered	200
Coats Distributed	133
Shoes Distributed	188

CedarWood Homeless Outreach

Homeless Meals Served	5,474
Coats Distributed	95
Shoes Distributed	98

BackPack Kids

BackPack Kids Meal Kits Assembled	1,400
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WANT TO HELP? HERE'S HOW TO GET INVOLVED!

Consider donating money, food or even 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. Notate “CedarWood” in the memo section of your check. Online donations are also accepted at <http://worldforjesus.org/ministries>. Just click the “CedarWood International” donate button to add your donation to the cart. THANK YOU!



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