



# The CedarWood Report



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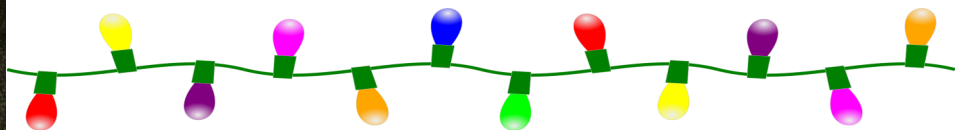
## A Joyous Season of Giving and Receiving!



Again this December, the staff and patrons of **Chopsticks Restaurant in Edmonds** donated Christmas toys to CedarWood. There was an abundance of games, dolls, stuffed animals and more! Then, with some additional Walmart and Fred Meyer gift cards received or left over from Christmas 2020, we purchased additional gifts, mostly items appropriate for the many teenaged children of our Pantry families.

We set up a series of weekday appointments so that some families could personally shop for their children ahead of the Pantry day rush. The remaining families not available during the weekday time slots shopped for toys the following Monday during regular Pantry hours. Each day, our volunteers joyfully assisted parents in choosing gifts for their children.

In total, we were able to distribute toys and gifts to **194 children**. Our sincere thanks to **Eileen Werner** and her customers for their kindness and continued generosity during unusual times and for persevering to provide holiday joy for so many children this year. We love and appreciate you!



### 2021 CHRISTMAS GIFTS

#### (BY CHILD'S AGE):

- \* AGE 0-3: 33
- \* AGE 4-6: 40
- \* AGE 7-12: 57
- \* AGE 13-18: 64

**TOTAL CHILDREN WHO  
RECEIVED GIFTS: 194**



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## Holiday Meals for Pantry Clients



**HOLIDAY MEALS X 2!** This November, because stores were not accepting bulk turkey orders, we instead purchased \$15 grocery store gift cards so that each family could shop for a turkey or other meat to go along with the box of holiday meal side dishes they received from our Pantry. Then, in early December, WinCo in Edmonds offered to donate 108 frozen turkeys to us and, of course, we said “Yes!” and sent our truck to pick them up the following Monday morning on our weekly Pantry day.



WinCo staff loading our truck with  
108 frozen turkeys

A few hours later, the turkeys were distributed to every client who wanted one. WinCo’s very generous donation allowed us to provide a whole turkey to our clients at Christmas time instead of a gift card! Special thanks to our hardworking volunteers for a successful holiday meal distribution!



Ginger, our regular volunteer who assists  
with meat distribution on Mondays

## 2021 Year-End Update

### 2021 End-of-Year Highlights

- ❖ This year, the **CedarWood Pantry** experienced a reduction in new clients (90 as opposed to 200 in 2020) as more people were going back to work or finding new jobs after Covid restrictions eased.
- ❖ CedarWood’s **BackPack Kids Program** increased the number of kits we prepared because some school classrooms, previously closed to students, opened up in the fall and more children received our weekend meals.
- ❖ Our **Homeless Outreach** has grown this year, feeding 2,029 more meals than in 2020, representing a **41 percent** increase.
- ❖ The **Coats and Clothing Closet** has been busy all year, filling the needs of Pantry clients & homeless persons with clothing and shoes for themselves and their family members.
- ❖ Our children’s **Christmas Gift Distribution** in December provided 194 Pantry children with a brand new gift for the holiday. This was **56 more children** than we served in 2020.

### Final 2021 Stats

CedarWood Food Pantry	
Pantry Families Served	4,564
Combined Family Members	13,351
New Families/Orgs Registered	90
Coats Distributed	145
Shoes Distributed	163
CedarWood Homeless Outreach	
Homeless Meals Served	7,012
Coats Distributed	101
Shoes Distributed	126
BackPack Kids	
BackPack Kids Meal Kits Assembled	1,600

### 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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