



# The CedarWood Report



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THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR!



**232 CHILDREN RECEIVED GIFTS THIS CHRISTMAS!! THANK YOU TO CHOPSTICKS IN EDMONDS AND SEWER FRIENDLY FOR TOY DRIVES THAT MADE THIS POSSIBLE!**



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## A MESSAGE OF THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS

There were many reasons to be thankful in 2023! First of all, we are grateful to Bethel Chapel and Pastors Matthew and Su Lambert for opening their doors to us 10 years ago so we could provide food and clothing to the local community. Our services to families and children are becoming more and more in demand as the economy declines and food prices soar. Secondly, we are so blessed by the many grocery stores and other businesses and organizations that support us through food, clothing and cash donations. We also want to thank those who support us financially through our parent organization, The World for Jesus Ministries, Inc. Their contributions keep us with running vehicles, necessary supplies and staffing. Last, but definitely not least, we are grateful for the many volunteers and helpers who make this work happen week after week. Thank you all! We could not do this without you!

BELOW ARE A FEW OF THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDED EXTRA HELP TO US LAST YEAR:



218 FROZEN TURKEYS! Every family that wanted a turkey received one or more!

- \* Restaurant Depot – 218 Frozen Turkeys in November
- \* US CHEF'SSTORE — \$3, 800 Cash Donation
- \* Arlington Fire Dept.— Huge Winter Coat Donation
- \* Sonrise Christian Center — \$1,500 Cash Donation
- \* Stilly Thrift Store — Large Weekly Clothing Donations

Thank you and  
God bless you!



US CHEF'SSTORE TEAM: Trent, Marshall & Mgr. Rocky (not pictured), with Adam & Chris

### 2023 END-OF-YEAR REVIEW

- ❖ The **CedarWood Pantry** served 438 more families in 2023 than in 2022. Every week, new families are coming to us for help with food and clothing.
- ❖ CedarWood's **BackPack Kids Program** provides weekend meals for school children. The number of children we feed each month increased from 200 to 260 in September of 2023.
- ❖ Our **Homeless Outreach** served 7,195 meals in 2023, and gave out 214 coats (140 more coats than in 2022). This ministry to the streets is growing and continues to attract volunteers from several local churches.
- ❖ The **Coats and Clothing Closet** has been busy all year, meeting the needs of Pantry families & homeless persons. Even with weekly clothing donations from local organizations, the demand has almost been greater than our supply.
- ❖ Our children's **Christmas Gift Distribution** in December provided 232 children from our Food Pantry families with brand new gifts this holiday. This was a significant increase from the 173 children we served in 2022.

### FINAL 2023 STATS

#### CEDARWOOD PANTRY

Pantry Families Served	5,253
Combined Family Members	17,602
New Families/Orgs Registered	173
Coats Distributed	151
Shoes Distributed	417

#### CEDARWOOD HOMELESS OUTREACH

Homeless Meals Served	7,172
Coats Distributed	214
Shoes Distributed	195

#### CEDARWOOD BACKPACK KIDS PROGRAM

BackPack Kids Meal Kits Assembled	1,370
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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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