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**A Heartfelt
THANK YOU**
to the Staff & Customers of
CHOPSTICKS IN EDMONDS
and the Employees of
SEWER FRIENDLY.
Their generous donations
made a **HUGE** difference for
307 kids and teens this
Christmas!



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A SURPRISE THANKSGIVING GIFT FROM RESTAURANT DEPOT!

THANK YOU TO THE CUSTOMERS AND STAFF OF RESTAURANT DEPOT IN WOODINVILLE! THEY CONDUCTED A COMPETITIVE-STYLE TURKEY DRIVE IN THEIR STORE AND THE RESULT WAS AN ASTOUNDING 200+ FROZEN TURKEYS, 100% CUSTOMER-DONATED! WE HAD SUCH A JOYFUL TIME DISTIBUTING TURKEY AFTER TURKEY TO EVERY FAMILY THAT WANTED ONE. NOBODY WAS LEFT OUT AND IT WAS A WONDERFUL DAY OF THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS FOR SO MANY PEOPLE. ❤️



2024—A Year of Incredible Growth!

Annual Year Ending Stats	2022	2023	2024	2 Year Growth %
# of Pantry Families Served	4,814	5,253	6,795	+41% over 2022 #s
Total Combined Family Members	15,004	17,602	23,777	+58.5% over 2022 #s
New Families/Orgs Registered	95	173	239	+251% over 2022 #s
Coats Distributed (Pantry and Homeless)	155	365	443	+285% over 2022 #s
Shoes Distributed (Pantry and Homeless)	347	612	692	+200% over 2022 #s
Homeless Meals Served	7,195	7,172	6,839	Focus moved to increasing spiritual care
BackPack Kids Meal Kits Assembled	1,450	1,370	1,958	+35% over 2022 #s

2024 saw incredible growth in our Food Pantry, Clothing Closet, and BackPack Kids programs. While we fully recognize that our daily focus is on the people themselves and how we can touch them with both the practical and the personal love of Jesus, sharing these numbers with you communicates a sense of scale to the growth of our community outreaches. Not only did we serve more families, but the average family size has increased in number. I want to note that the only area that did not experience numerical growth was our Homeless Outreach. This stems from intentional changes in methodology which allows more quality time for ministry and prayer. In striking a balance between calories and ministry, we felt God leading us to focus on building personal relationships and providing spiritual care.

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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