



December 2020  
The Year in Review

Who would have thought that during the “Year of Covid” we would have been so blessed with new volunteers, more donations, new partners and new causes in our community to partner with. Our incoming donations rose over 20% over 2019—simply amazing!

Here are some of the ways your loving support has helped the less fortunate in our community:

- Your donations and monetary support have helped us help so many. Thank you for your continued generosity.
- 2530 Bags of Love were made
- 245 Operation Christmas Child boxes stuffed to the brim
- Provided bags to Cherry Street Mission Ministries; Toledo Police Department; UTMC Community Care Clinic and Mobile Street Clinic; Toledo Public Schools; The Tabernacle and Bags of Hope.

Heading into 2021, we have a busy year lined up. We have a new partner with the Wood County Sheriff’s Office. We will be providing Bags of Love for each of their patrol cars along with a supply of hats/scarfs, blankets and socks for officer use when they identify a need.

We hope that 2021 finds our lives finally being able to get back to “normal”. We want to thank everyone for the many hours working at Bags of Love headquarters or at home on sewing, stringing, crocheting, knitting, making face masks, fleece blankets, jumping ropes and shopping. We are also thankful for those who have joined us on Tuesday evenings or Saturday mornings to fill bags and work on our many projects.

God continues to bless Bags of Love with many loving hands to serve those in our community. Making great connections to like minded people enables us to provide more to those in physical and emotional need. Collectively we continue to obey the greatest commandment – to love our neighbors as ourselves. *Thank you all for being a part of Bags of Love’s mission.*

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"No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us." **1 John 4:12**