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We were blessed for the third year in a row to be the beneficiaries of the 3rd Annual Fahey Family Food Drive. This year they collected and donated 358



pounds of food to help our ministry. We look forward to see what the 4th Annual event brings in.

The "M" Family once again decided to forgo exchanging presents this year, and instead went food shopping and donated to us. This year they donated 1,033 pounds of food. Their largest donation yet.



FedEX Cares chose us this year to spend and donate their time also. It was a pleasure hosting them and they were a big help during these pre-holiday distributions. We look forward to hosting them again in the future.



One of our clients came in on December 11th informing us that she was diagnosed with kidney failure, which is why she hadn't been here in a while. She informed us she prayed non-stop to God asking that she not get dialysis and to heal her. Not only did she not need to go on dialysis, she received a donated kidney 8 weeks after being put on the transplant list. This is truly God's work.



#### November Statistics

Heads of Households	1120
Individuals	3580
Prayed with	985
Professions of Faith	11

Mike Will, Secretary; Marsha Jakobi, Treasurer; Don Cyze, Director; Brian Cottrell, Operations Manager  
*Operation Blessing of Southwest Chicagoland is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit charitable organization*



With our extended mild Fall weather this year, we had a great day for our annual Pancake Brunch. Can you guess who were the first to arrive? Larry and Sue of course! In fact, we recruited them to help us finish the preparations before we officially started. By 8am, we were ready to start feeding hungry people all the pancakes and sausage they could eat. (We even had gluten free pancakes available this year.) It was a good turnout and everyone enjoyed getting together with family and friends before heading out for the day. Before they left, many took the opportunity to buy some delicious treats from the Bake Sale. It did really well this year, thanks to some very talented bakers. As always, we had plenty of food for everyone, thanks to our generous supporters: Jack & Pats, Whittingham Meats, and the McDonalds Corporation. In addition, events like this can't be done alone and so we say thank you to all the volunteers who helped put this on—especially our two cooks, Mike and Glen. And, since this was a fundraiser, thank you to all who came and made this a successful Brunch with your donations to help support our work.



We will be closed for two weeks beginning on Saturday, December 21 and continuing through January 6.

We will reopen on Tuesday, January 7, 2025.