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We were paid a visit by our contact at the Cook County Sheriff's Department recently to aid a 72-year-old woman. The deputy was dispatched to the residence by his supervisor to check on her and see what she was in need of. Upon his arrival, he found that the woman was living with her two teen granddaughters, both of whom were expecting. He noticed they only had a bottle of water in the refrigerator. He came straight to us and told us about the situation. We quickly got them as much food that we could spare—approximately 200 pounds. We asked the deputy to let us know if anything else was needed.

This is just one example of how the County and local police departments assist residents.



Carmax of Oak Lawn, through the Carmax Cares program, sent 8 employees to volunteer on February 5th. The volunteers helped pack boxes, bag produce, and distribute food to our clients.

We look forward to them returning soon.



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*

#### January Statistics

Heads of Households	913
Individuals	2850
Prayed with	765
Professions of Faith	0

We had the pleasure of some of the students and staff from Grissom School volunteer again. The students made 41 “Birthday Cake Kits”, which consisted of the pan, cake mix, frosting, candles and napkins.

This is the second year that the students and staff have volunteered. They also packed 36 boxes of food for our clients.

They'll be back in a couple of weeks to volunteer again. They're such a great group.

