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We were fortunate to host the South Suburban Humane Society, along with two dedicated volunteers. They arrived with dog and cat food, collars, and additional toys.



Their support provided food for 24 people, benefitting many more pets. We warmly invite them to return whenever possible.

Sadly, we must bid "until we meet again" to Al Anderson, a devoted volunteer for many years. Al recently passed away to reunite with his wife and parents, and we will deeply miss his presence. At 87-years old, he accomplished twice as much as people half his age, consistently offering a smile and calm demeanor - even during our busiest times. He readily assisted anyone in need, always with warmth and humor. Al volunteered with us for eight years, following four decades as a Chicago Police Officer. Until we meet again...



School Days Already! It's mid-July, but already the commercials are running for "back to school" clothing and supplies! However, many schools start in mid-August so it's not that far away. Every Year, it seems like the kids need more and more items to start. For families already struggling, this can be a big expense, especially if you have several kids. Although as a food pantry, our emphasis is food, we also want to help in whatever way we can. Would you consider donating school supplies so that we can bless families in this way? Many places run "buy one, get one free" or other sales, so you can make your dollars go farther. Whatever you can donate means one less thing they have to buy and a little more left for other expenses. If you have items to donate, please check our hours to make sure we will be open when you come.



In Memory of...

The death of a loved one or good friend is one of the worst experiences in life. Traditionally, flowers have been used to express sympathy, but now it is not uncommon to remember someone by donating to charity, especially one meaningful to them or the family. Helping the work of a charity to continue will last long after flowers have withered away. So we would like to thank:
Nancy for her donation in memory of her mother. Katherine Ladhoff.
The Blackmans for their donation in memory of Al Anderson, our volunteer who just passed away.
Thank you so much for thinking of us and honoring them in this way.

June Statistics

Heads of Households	723
Individuals	2210
Prayed with	659
Professions of Faith	1

Don Wilson, Director; Mike Will, Secretary; Marsha Jakobi, Treasurer; Brian Cottrell, Operations Manager
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