

Operation BLESSING

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Our Annual Fall Garage Sale is fast approaching. It will be on September 21 in our warehouse. Come and find something you can't live without.



Operation Blessing will be joining with the Greater Chicago Food Depository for the 34th Annual Hunger Walk on September 7th. Rain or shine, our team will join thousands of other to raise awareness about hunger and funds for our pantry. If you would like to donate. You can go to ["chicagofoodbank.org/hungerwalkagencies"](http://chicagofoodbank.org/hungerwalkagencies) and enter our name to direct your donation. If you'd like more information, call our office 708-597-6326 and talk to Steve or Brian.



The week of July 13th, Mariano's of Oak Lawn and the Oak Lawn Police Department held their annual "Stuff the Squad" food drive to benefit Operation Blessing. The Oak Lawn Police Department dropped off 150 pounds of food collected for our clients.

Thank you to City Barbeque of Orland Park and everyone who went and enjoyed their great food to help us raise some much needed funds.

Volunteer Spotlight:

We would like to acknowledge and thank Bob Fox, a volunteer who is critical to our daily operations. Bob is a retired Army veteran that has served for 21 years. He has been volunteering for 8 years and runs our warehouse, as well as repairs our trucks, fork lifts, and just about anything that breaks here. Thank you Bob. Without your commitment, our operation wouldn't run as smoothly as it does.

Although school has already started for some children, it's not too late to donate school supplies. Lists of needed items for each child can really add up and put a dent in already limited budgets. Any help you can give is really appreciated by families who visit our facility.



A note from a client...

“Operation Blessing, Thank you so much for your help with all your wonderful food through my surgeries and beyond that. Because of your help, I was able to keep my bills current. You are such a wonderful organization. Thanks again for all your help.” Love Mrs. P

We prayed for Rose for healing in her back, for stabbing pain and stiffness. Afterward, Rose stated that she could feel a heat flowing through the interviewers hands , into and up her back. Rose stated that the stabbing pain was gone. She stood up quickly with no stiffness. She walked out of the office saying that she felt much better. Praise Jesus!

A client we know very well, came in the other day with her 18 year-old son. He was a fine looking healthy young man. She seemed nervous and he was very troubled as well as frightened. She asked me to pray for him. He started telling his story: He just got out of prison for car theft. The mom's boyfriend had him arrested for taking his van. One of the boy's girlfriends is pregnant and another girlfriend's brothers and cousins are out to get him, because he cheated on her. He started crying telling me all this.

His mom was crying. What a mess! He was at rock-bottom and knew it. I said there is only one person who can help you—that's Jesus Christ. He was ready. He prayed the sinners prayer and I gave him a booklet we give out for this occasion. It's the Book of John and Romans that John and Helen (wonderful volunteers working for Operation Blessing in so many ways for over 20 years) supply us with. They are a blessing. We mark pertinent verses and the steps to salvation which are in the book. It is simple, right to the point and very effective. He said he was going to read it. He was holding on to it for dear life. He already sensed the power of the Word of God and what he had just done.

The young man, his mom and I were all crying by the time they were leaving. I am looking forward to seeing them next month.

So, dear readers, pray for this boy and his mom and their home situation, there are younger children also.

We will try to keep you updated. Thank you for your faithfulness to Operation Blessing. We cherish your prayers.



July Statistics

Heads of Households	1140
Individuals	4011
Salvations	50
New clients	95
Prayed for	969