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**Moraine Valley Church Christmas Tea**

Each year, the ladies of Moraine Valley host an evening of lovely Christmas themed decorated tables, dinner, music and entertainment as an outreach to friends and family. They also choose a ministry to highlight and support. This year, Operation Blessing was honored to be chosen as the ministry focus.

When asked how the ladies could support us, we replied—toys (and also monetary support). The night of the Tea, we were thrilled with the generosity in both categories. In addition, we were able to present our work to over 300 people, some of which had probably never heard of our ministry. Thank you to Marilyn Benton and the Special Events Team for letting Operation Blessing share in their evening.



We will be closed the weeks of December 24 and 31. We will reopen on Monday January 7, 2019. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

On November 20th, Marist High School came to the pantry and donated 1,000 pounds of groceries they collected through a recent food drive. Thank you Marist.

Nathan Hale Middle School, located in Crestwood, held a food drive during the month of November. On November 30 they donated 700 pounds of food to Operation Blessing. Their generosity will help brighten many families this Christmas. Thank you Nathan Hale Middle School.

**Working with GCFD again**

On November 28, the Parkview Team went to the Greater Chicago Food Depository to work on behalf of Operation Blessing. There were seven of us this time, a few less than usual. This time our job was...sorting bread again. You don't realize how many kinds of bread there are until you start inspecting it and sorting it into cases. Altogether, we packed 580 cases of bread for a total of 7,429 lbs that evening—pretty good for 2.5 hours of work. In addition, we earned \$105 for Operation Blessing, which goes further than you would think. This will be the last time of working there for the year. But, plan to join us next year for a fun and interesting experience that also helps our ministry. Thank you so much to the Parkview Team for putting this together.

**MONTHLY MEETING**

You are invited to Operation Blessing's monthly meeting. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 8, at 7pm. We meet in the Conference Room of the Pantry.

**November Statistics**

Heads of Households	1238
Individuals	4357
Salvations	83
New clients	116
Prayed for	1079

In conjunction with the 175th anniversary of the Sisters of Mercy, Graham School of Management at Saint Xavier University donated 175 turkeys and side dishes to us. Through their generosity, we were able to get those complete turkey dinners to our clients for Thanksgiving.

Thank you, Graham School of Management.



### Testimonies in their own words...

I am very grateful and thankful for all of the blessings and prayers I received from the sisters in the Lord. All prayers have blessed me to overcome a cancer scare, job loss and depression. I thank the Lord for such a great and awesome people and organization. God bless, Sincerely, Debbie.

A friend of Debbie's came in and said she got a very good paying job after we were praying and praying for her. Praise Jesus.

A lady stated, "My kidneys were bad, now they are healed. Thank You God." They had told her she was almost at the dialysis stage. The doctor asked her, "What did you do?". She said, "They prayed for me at Operation Blessing."



May God's grace and peace  
cradle you this holiday  
season.

From all of us at Operation  
Blessing .