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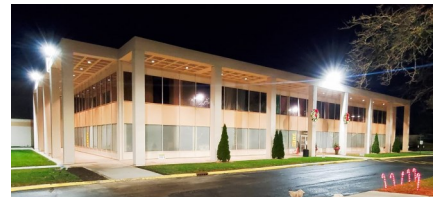


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2020—It’s almost over!
 As we near the end of this incredible year, we want to say thank you to everyone who continued to support us financially. It was never more true that without your gifts we would not have been able to keep our doors open. Because of you, we have been able to continue to serve our neighbors in need during this Pandemic. And we have done so without a change in hours or even a decrease in menu offerings. As the year draws to a close, we ask that you remember us in your year-end giving. If you have not donated this year, perhaps you would consider it now. With your help, we will start 2021 on a solid financial footing.
 Happy New Year!

A huge thank you to Pastor Dan, the staff and congregation of Lighthouse Church of All Nations, as well as all the other pastors and churches that held the 16th Annual Miracle on 127th Street. It means so much to us to be the beneficiary for this.

God bless you all.



November Statistics

Heads of Households	746
Individuals	2702
Professions of Faith	3
New clients	97
Prayed with	393



Thank you to Eric and the staff of Jewel-Osco for helping us raise money so we can get Thanksgiving dinners to our neighbors.

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Steve Bailey Retires...

This month marks the end of another chapter for Operation Blessing with the retirement of our Operations Manager, Steve Bailey. Steve started as a volunteer when we were still located in Crestwood. When we moved to our new location and were looking for a new Pantry Manager, it did not take us long to offer him the position.

He began in December, 2013, just as we opened our doors in the new location. Over time, his position evolved into Operations Manager, and in that role Steve has served faithfully: handling all the many daily tasks it takes to keep the ministry going. As a “hands-on” person, he would fill in wherever he was needed, whether it was picking up a donation, driving a forklift, or praying with someone who was hurting. Steve believed in our mission and worked to increase our outreach by building networks with other pantries and organizations. But what he really enjoyed were the opportunities to share the Gospel and pray with those who crossed his path.

We are grateful for all his work and his many contributions to our ministry. We wish him God’s blessings as he turns to new endeavors, one of which is his mission work in Peru.

God be with you, Steve.