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Christmas 2020 Toy Day

Not even a Pandemic could stop the Operation Blessing Christmas Toy Day! So many things have been canceled this past year and it's been a difficult time for many families. We felt it was more important than ever to do what we could to make sure the kids would not be disappointed at Christmas. Just as we adjusted our daily processes to continue operating the food pantry safely, we made adjustments to have our Toy Day with safety in mind. Another concern was having toys to give out, since so many groups that might collect toys were not meeting. Lastly, would we have volunteers willing to come?

Not only did we have enough toys—we had enough to give extra toys to each family! And, we had our regular volunteers come, plus some new volunteers. So we had plenty of help. As always, the event was organized so that parents would come to pick out toys to take home. Everyone was patient to wait as smaller groups were allowed into the building. Even the weather cooperated in being a mild day with no snow. We had a great day and were able to make sure **270** kids had Christmas gifts. We are so thankful to everyone who came through with donations in this crazy year, and to all the volunteers who were willing to come and spend their Saturday morning with us.

Check out the pictures on reverse side.

Thank you to the Black Hat Divas for your generosity this Christmas. Your donations helped brighten Christmas for 270 children. May God continue to bless each of you and your families.



Jewel Osco of Palos Heights and their Manager Erick were able to help us get Christmas dinner to almost 500 of our neighbors in December.

Without the generosity of local business like yours, we would not be able to continue our mission.

Simply Slices Pizzeria in Crestwood donated frozen pizzas to us to distribute. What a great treat this will be for our neighbors.



December Statistics

Heads of Households	483
Individuals	1703
Professions of Faith	1
New clients	48
Prayed with	307

2020 Statistics

Heads of Households	7346
Individuals	22,384
Professions of Faith	177
New clients	948
Prayed with	4107