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Thank you to Dunkin’ Donuts!

It’s good news when a new business opens in town. In June, Alsip welcomed “Gas N Wash” at 127th & Kostner. But it’s more than just a gas station and carwash. Inside are several food vendors, including a new Dunkin’ Donuts. The opening celebration included a ribbon cutting by the Mayor and representatives of the Chamber of Commerce. Operation Blessing was pleased to be included in the ceremonies as a recipient of a grant from the “Dunkin’ Joy in Childhood Foundation” in honor of the new franchise. Thank you to Marilyn Pathiyil, the new owner and to Dunkin’ Donuts for this generous donation.



County Program Provides Pantries with Produce

When families visit Operation Blessing, they have access to a vast array of fresh fruit and vegetables, onions, potatoes, bananas, and lettuce are a few of the options available.

This produce comes as a result of our partnership with the Greater Chicago Food Depository and the Community Economic Development Association of Cook County, also known as CEDA.

The partnership aligns with our goal to increase access to fresh food to households facing food insecurities across the suburban Cook County area. CEDA funds are used to purchase nutritious produce for more than 30 partners like us across suburban Cook County. The Depository, through the CEDA program, provides close to 17,000 pounds of food to us annually.

With prices continuing to increase, it is great to be able to distribute more produce to our clients.

June Statistics

Heads of Households	580
Individuals	1828
Professions of Faith	1
New clients	77
Prayed with	506

July Statistics

Heads of Households	569
Individuals	1788
Professions of Faith	1
New clients	108
Prayed with	469

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