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Dear Friends,

If you love our work then tell the world! You have an opportunity to help us make even more of a difference in our community. GreatNonprofits-a review site like TripAdvisor is honoring highly reviewed nonprofits with their 2019 Top-Rated Awards. Won't you help us raise visibility for our work by posting a review of your experience with us? All reviews will be visible to potential donors and volunteers. It's easy and only takes 3 minutes!



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MONTHLY MEETING

You are invited to Operation Blessing's monthly meeting. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 2, at 7pm. We meet in the Conference Room of the Pantry.

The howling winter winds may keep some people home, but not the folks from Parkview Church. It was a small group of five, but they still braved the February cold to meet at the Greater Chicago Food Depository to work on behalf of Operation Blessing. During this trip we sorted donations, scanned barcodes and boxed up product. The credit they earned will enable us to keep purchasing food items that we are low on. Their next workday will be Wednesday, May 15th. Why not plan to join us for an interesting and fun evening.



February Statistics

Heads of Households	1061
Individuals	3659
Salvations	54
New clients	77
Prayed for	906



Annual “Bread of Life” Baskets

Help a needy family celebrate Easter this year by joining us in our 25th annual Easter Food Basket Distribution. On Saturday, April 13, we will deliver baskets filled with food for the body and food for the soul to local families. In this way, we hope to emphasize that Easter is a day to celebrate Christ and that He is the real “Bread of Life”.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

FINANCIALLY—We estimate our cost to be about \$50 per family to supply them with a food basket and with non-food gifts. If you write a check, please designate “Bread of Life” so we will know it is for this program.

NAMES—You may know of a family in need at this time. We encourage you to submit their name for this program. We will contact them and ask if they would like to be included. All contacts are handled carefully so as not to embarrass anyone that we are trying to help.

FILLING BASKETS—We are in need of volunteers for packing the baskets on Friday evening April 12. If you’d like to fill baskets, please call and leave your name and number. We will get back to you.

DELIVERIES—We will make deliveries to the family’s homes on Saturday, April 13, in the morning. We are usually done no later than noon. This is a wonderful opportunity to pray with people and share what Easter is really about. It is a chance to put our faith to work. If you’d like to deliver baskets, please call and leave your name and number. We will get back to you.

GROUP SPONSORSHIPS—This program is a good opportunity for groups to help those in need. Just let us know how many families you’d like to sponsor and how many drivers there will be. Typically, each driver delivers to two or three families.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR
TO VOLUNTEER CALL MARSHA AT 708-218-2130**

