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Mr. Plumbing in Crestwood has been collecting food every Thanksgiving and Christmas for the last five years. Now, the 42-year-old company has decided to continue the effort with food donations going to Operation Blessing in Alsip. "We've been

working with the Crestwood Police Department for the last five years or so," said Mr. Plumbing owner, Bob Smith. Smith said the need exists year-round and decided to continue the effort. "We'll accept nonperishable food donations as long as people want to bring them in," Smith said. "This week, we've already made two trips to Operation Blessing." Donations are being collected in drop boxes located inside Mr. Plumbing's showroom at 14024 S. Cicero Ave., Crestwood.

March is Operation Blessings 39th Anniversary Month. We have completed 38 years of ministering to God's people with prayers, food, and counsel.

Thank you, God, for blessing us as we bless those who come through our door.



Bread of Life Easter Program

Have you noticed there has not been a "Bread of Life" flier in the Newsletter this year? Who would have thought that last year we would still be battling this Pandemic. Although we do see brighter days ahead, we still want to exercise caution for the families in need and our volunteers. So to be safe, we are cancelling the program for this year.



Menards in Crestwood is holding a food drive during the month of March to benefit Operation Blessing. It is truly because of local businesses that we are able to continue our mission.

February Statistics

Heads of Households	420
Individuals	1426
New Clients	22
Prayed for	151
Professions of Faith	3

Terry Wuethrich, President; Hank Frickenstein, Vice President; Brian Cottrell, Operations Manager; Mike Will, Secretary; Marsha Jakobi, Treasurer; Barry Zalane, Board Member at Large



It is with great sadness that we report that our former Executive Director, Frank Sorice, passed away on February 22nd from complications due to the COVID-19 virus.

Frank joined Operation blessing in 2009 when we were looking for a new Operations Manager. Although the Board had interviewed several people, when they talked to Frank, they felt that God had brought him to us.

With his background in business and sales, and also in ministry as a pastor, he was able to build new contacts and promote our organization while also ministering to those who came to us for help. When we moved into our current facility in 2013, Frank became our Executive Director.

Frank loved people. He would talk to anyone from heads of businesses to the homeless person who came for help. People knew he cared about them, and he especially loved talking about God and sharing the love of Jesus with anyone he could.

Frank was with Operation Blessing for eight years and really modeled our mission of "Reaching out in Christ's Love".

We know he is now home with the Lord.

Praise Report:

The last couple of months, an elderly woman has been coming in asking for prayer as she picked up food.

She was very upset and crying over her situation, so the prayer minister prayed for her healing and for her son. She was encouraged to read her Bible every day, seek God's presence and listen for His voice for direction, and to obey Him whatever He told her to do.

She came in this month and she wanted a prayer of thanksgiving to God, because she had several areas of her skin that had cancer that were now healing, her son was going to get a job, and she was very thankful and very happy for the answered prayers and encouragement.

Thank you, Jesus.