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Hunger Update and Outlook for 2022:

Last year, we shared information from studies done by GCFD and Feeding America as to how the Chicago area and suburbs were faring regarding hunger and food insecurity.

Now it is Spring, 2022. So how are we doing? According to the data they have collected: *Though food insecurity rates have fluctuated since March 2020, they have consistently surpassed pre-pandemic levels. Recent COVID variant surges, decades-high inflation, and a shrinking federal safety net have presented ongoing challenges for families at risk of hunger in our community. AND: An October, 2021 analysis of Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) households reported that, even with additional protective measures like eviction moratoria and food assistance programs, low-income households fared “significantly worse...financially, physically and emotionally” throughout the pandemic compared to middle- or high-income households.*

As the “pop-up pantries” disappear and many of us return to a more normal life, we need to remember that there is still a large segment of society for whom recovery may take years, which is why Operation Blessing’s doors are still open. Next month, we will share some interesting information on how inflation is impacting all of us.



We were helped this month by Amazon Warriors. The Warriors are Amazon employees, most of which are veterans. They came out and helped on Wednesday, the 11th. It was a pleasure working with them.

April Statistics

Heads of Households	579
Individuals	1849
Professions of Faith	1
New clients	80
Prayed with	497

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