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Estate Planning: Making gifts to charitable organizations is an important part of many people's financial plans. When considering making charitable gifts, it's important to balance your wish to support the causes and organizations that you care about with your income needs, the needs of your beneficiaries, and the tax benefits of making charitable gifts and bequests.

Lifetime Giving: Generally speaking, lifetime gifts to qualified charitable organizations can result in an income tax deduction for you. But before you make a sizable gift, be sure to seek tax advice. You're eligible for itemized deductions for charitable contributions up to a certain percentage of your adjusted gross income for cash contributions. Another limit applies for contributions of appreciated securities or property in any one year. These limits may be further reduced depending on whether you are making gifts directly to a public charity, a private foundation, or using other charitable strategies. In situations where you are unable to use the full deduction in one year, you may be able to carry forward amounts that exceed the limit and deduct them over the next five years.

Of course this is just a broad example, always seek assistance from your financial planner and/or attorney. Please consider a lifetime gift to Operation Blessing.



We were blessed with staff from RBC Wealth Management. This was their second time volunteering this month and we look forward to hosting them again in the future.

Dash Mart, a subsidiary of Door Dash, in Crestwood, donated over 200 pounds of food to us in August. This food donated would have otherwise been thrown away and wasted. Thanks Dash Mart!



Operation Blessing Christmas Toy Day will be here before you know it! This year our Christmas Toy Day will be on Saturday, December 14. We're letting you know now so you can think of how you might participate by collecting new toys for children ages 1 to 14. Last year, we helped provide toys for about 400 children. We expect no less this year, so we'll need a lot of help. This can be a great activity for groups of adults or kids. Toys can be dropped off anytime before December 14, but please call the office first. Questions? - call our office or call Marsha at 708-218-2130.

Prayer Request:

We accept prayer request at prayer@opblessing.org, just let us know what you need prayer for, or just a general prayer request on your behalf.

September Statistics

Heads of Households	797
Individuals	2521
Prayed with	691
Professions of Faith	3



We are still in great need of volunteers.

Mike Will, Secretary; Marsha Jakobi, Treasurer; Don Cyze, Director; Brian Cottrell, Operations Manager
Operation Blessing of Southwest Chicagoland is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit charitable organization

Annual Pancake Brunch

To benefit

Operation Blessing
Of
Southwest Chicagoland



Saturday, Nov.2, 2024
8 am—1pm

Moraine Valley Church
6300 West 127th ST.
Palos Heights, IL.



Bake Sale too!



Suggested donation:
\$10.00 per person -
\$25.00 per family

A tradition for 40 years!