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### SNAP benefit cut-off effects us

We have all seen and heard on the news/social media that SNAP benefits have been cut-off as of the beginning of November.

Even before the beginning of November, we were seeing a rise in people coming for help in anticipation of the cut-off. Now, in the first week of the month, we have seen over 300 families already! And, to top things off, this month is Thanksgiving, when families look to us for help in providing a holiday meal. So, the timing of all of this could not be worse. We are being strained in providing food for everyone, and in staffing the ministry to do the work. We welcome any food donations. If you can spare some time to volunteer, we would welcome that too. Please remember that even when the government shut down ends, it will take weeks (months?) for everything to get straightened out again. The families affected by this will continue to need extra help at least through the rest of this year.



From Linda, on volunteering:

I love Operation Blessing. I have been volunteering for nine years so far. It is a wonderful ministry where you meet so many people that are hurting. I pray for them. It is one of the best places where you feel that you are serving the Lord and helping His people.



### October Statistics

Heads of Households	996
Individuals	2924
Prayed with	914
Professions of Faith	6

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*



**Operation Blessing**  
will be holding its annual  
**CHRISTMAS TOY DAY**  
on  
**Saturday, December 13th from 9am to 12 noon.**

We need **new** toys for boys and girls from 1yr to 14 yrs old.

The toys do not need to be wrapped because we will invite the parents to come and pick toys that they can wrap for their children for Christmas.

Toys need to be brought to our Operation Blessing location (**4901 W 128th Pl, Alsip**) any time before December 12th. Call **708-597-6326** before you come to make sure someone will be there.

Please, no stuffed animals.



Questions? call Marsha at 708-218-2130

Thanks for your help!



**A tradition for over 40 years!**