



2020 – A HISTORICAL YEAR FOR

LEEDS OUTREACH

What a year! When we got word of the shut down on March 16 we had no idea what the year would hold. We took a deep breath, started strategizing, and in two days began our new food distribution system. We could not allow people to enter the building, but found our new drive-through system was efficient, and we were still able to serve those in need in our community.

Our COVID Crew, as they became known, was a hardworking, dedicated, dependable team that could pick up our weekly donation from Walmart, unload it, pack approximately 60 boxes and distribute them, all in about 2 hours. These folks have earned my undying respect and gratitude. The Lord blessed us with good weather as we were not rained out once and were able to serve from March-December without missing a week or running out of food!

While our ultimate goal is for there to be no need for our services, we feel truly honored to be able to help those that need us. We will continue our modified operations for as long as necessary, but we look forward to the day we can once again offer our hugs.

To help provide our other services, we got a cellphone and were able to do some tasks remotely. It is not a perfect system, but we are very grateful to still be meeting many needs.

We can't thank the City of Leeds enough for allowing us to continue operating from our space. Our greatest thanks goes to you, our supporters. There were many places in need last year and we are humbled you chose to assist Leeds Outreach.

Blessings,
Beverly Riddlesperger

Please send all donations and correspondence to Leeds Outreach P O Box 192 Leeds AL 35094

OUR SUPPORTING CHURCHES

Valley View Baptist
Leeds First Baptist
St Theresa's Catholic
Mt. Hebron Baptist
Mosaic Missional
Cedar Grove Baptist
Leeds First Presbyterian
Episcopal Church of The Epiphany
Wellsprings Worship Center
Leeds First United Methodist
Little Rock Missionary Baptist
Bold Springs Presbyterian
Mt. Hebron Baptist
Church of the Highlands
Ashville Road Church of Christ

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MONETARY GIFTS, FOOD DRIVES, AND NEEDED SUPPLIES

Publix
Walmart
Oak Mountain Missions
Kentucky Fried Chicken
Food Giant
Leeds City Schools
Woodruff Farms Subdivision
Cedar Springs Circle Subdivision
Hubble Power Systems
America's 1st Federal Credit Union
JM Exotic Foods
Leeds Family Eye Care
Outlet Shops of Grand River & Employees
Leeds Family Chiropractic
Leeds Primary School
M & B Hangers Employees

Gulf South Chapter of the International Concrete Repair Institute
Representative Dickie Drake
Birmingham Mopar Owners Club
Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary
Leeds Women's Literary Club
Dirt Dabbers Garden Club
DaVita Dialysis
Leeds Jane Culbreth Public Library

We also thank the many private citizens of Leeds and of other communities who contributed to our organization!

Your faithful support is always needed for our continued program.

WHAT YOUR SPONSORSHIP HELPED US ACCOMPLISH IN 2020

- \$24,964 -- Utilities
- 8,794 -- School supplies
- 8,527 -- Christmas
- 5,904 -- Pantry
- 1,590 -- Special Circumstances
- 280 -- Medical

Food Assistance 2020	Female	Male	Total	Age				Total
				0-5	6-18	19-59	60+	
Jan - end of March	513	264	777	46	177	285	269	777
April - end of Dec	2776	1376	4152	267	1085	1627	1307	4152
Grand Total	3289	1640	4929	313	1262	1912	1576	4929

<p><i>We saw a 36% increase over last year's Wednesday food distribution.</i></p>	<p>We received a grant from the CARES Act for \$2500. We were given \$2500 credit for the food bank.</p>
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Who Qualifies For Assistance?

We offer help to families in Leeds with food, utilities, prescription medicines, school supplies, and Christmas. Proof of residence, income, and need are required.

We are able to assist citizens living within the city limits of Leeds whose income is not greater than 150% of the poverty level. For one individual, the poverty level in 2020 was \$12,760 and our threshold for providing assistance was \$19,140. Many of our clients are single working mothers and retirement aged women, but our services are open to any that provide proof of income, residency, and need for assistance.

Earl Street Christmas For Children

Once again, our program to give our Leeds area children a joyful Christmas, was a big success! This was made possible due to the generosity of our sponsors and with the cooperation of our families who applied for the program.

We are very grateful to First Baptist Church for allowing us to use their gym during the week of the gift distribution.

This is what you did: Sponsors were found for 143 children between the ages of 2-14 and gift cards were provided for 31 children who were not in this age category. Gifts were also given to 29 extra children that didn't make it by our deadline. Remaining toys were given to grandparents, for distributing to their grands, during our last Wednesday food distribution of December. Thank you to Matthew Wehrwein and his company, Wehr Knives, for donating so many of these extra gifts.

School Supplies Project

In 2020, although the school year was an unusual one, due to Covid 19, the students were still in need of their supplies and we responded. Many weeks of planning and organizing went into this program.

Supplies were provided to 130 students in grades K4-12.



A Few of our 2020 Volunteers

For it is in giving that we receive

Please visit our new website:
<https://leedsoutreach.godaddysites.com/>

We also have a newly designed Facebook page,
<https://www.facebook.com/Leeds-Outreach-305835726134969>