HOPING FOR A BETTER TOMORROW
New Year Brings New Hope
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It is my prayer for the families that Joseph Dreamhouse has had the privilege of feeding in 2018, that God will supernaturally open doors of financial blessings for these families. I wish for a breakthrough of an open door of opportunities so they can support themselves and their household; without depriving themselves of their basic everyday needs which will give them a new hope.

For many families, New Year can bring a fresh start of a new job, new location, or a new chapter in their lives if they just got married or had their first child. However, for many New Year does not necessarily bring a fresh start, but a continuation of last year’s problems of struggle. Families whose financial situation remain the same, the struggle continues; unless they gain new employment or reach the next level at work with an increased salary or hourly wage.

Lower income families that received a lateral promotion for the New Year may have increased workload with the advancement in position and more time away from their children due to more responsibility. Although the promotion is supposed to be a blessing, it can be a heavy burden when it means that the parent has to be less involved in their child’s life due to their workload. Lateral promotion can also bear a financial burden and hardship on a parent already struggling to meet their monthly obligation. When children have to spend more time away from their parents due to spending more time in child care/after care, this affects a child attitude and bears additional expense on their parent.

If a parent is struggling how can a lateral promotion be a blessing to them? It really cannot because they need an increase in hourly wage or salary to be able to maintain their household, without depriving their families of their basic need of food, shelter or utilities.

The reality is real, for many families considered as low income or working poor. That if they buy food there isn't enough to pay the necessary bills. Joseph Dreamhouse does what it can to help families in the community elevate this burden by providing groceries and toiletries that they choose according to their dietary needs and household liking.
Joseph Dreamhouse understands the burden that these families feel and reaches out to the community on Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays to distribute food to families in need. However, we could not feed 5,898 people without the support of our faithful in-kind donors such as Whole Foods, The Fresh Market, Walmart, Publix, Winn-Dixie, OutBack, Bahama Breeze and Chipotle and our monthly partnership donors.

If you would like to help us, in feeding families in need, please click the donate button where you can donate monthly or whenever you can. Every donation helps and counts in our mission to assist struggling families.