



The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."



~Matthew 25:40

November 2020

Dear Friends,

We continue to be humbled and amazed at the generosity of our community. Through all the challenges we have faced this year, with more of our neighbors in need, we have been blessed with the resources to meet those needs.

Your generosity to the FISH ministry has supplied more than 2,700,000 lbs. of food this year. FISH also participated in the Farm to Family program where 7,500 boxes were distributed to local households. The ministry has provided \$25,605 in emergency shelter assistance, \$31,075 in rent and mortgage assistance, and paid \$48,278 in utility assistance.

This year FISH4Kids started delivering sack lunches on Monday, March 16th - right after the schools closed due to the pandemic. Volunteers prepared 6,000 meals twice a week, delivering 3 meals each Monday and 3 meals each Thursday. Thanks to your generosity, 191,650 sack lunches were distributed to our most at-risk children between March 16th until school resumed in August. Once we completed the summer lunch program, we jumped straight into the Backpack Buddies weekend feeding program, sending food home with 875 at-risk students each week.

Thanks to you, FISH MD has done so much good! The medical and dental programs served 6,200 patients which, would have cost them \$3,152,000.00 without FISH MD clinics. Those served express their gratitude for help with improving their quality of life and, in some cases, even saving their lives.

This year, as FISH continues to grow, we have two important projects that will help us better serve our neighbors in need. We have outgrown our current pantry space and are in the process of constructing a building to house a large walk-in freezer. This will allow us to store the fresh food that our clients need. The cost of this project is \$176,000. We are also in need of a refrigerated truck at a cost of about \$60,000. There have been many occasions when we can't pick-up food that organizations would have donated to us because we can't transport it without the truck.

We are all called to be Jesus's hands to those in need; FISH can only continue its work with your help, prayers, and financial support. Show your love for your neighbors in need this holy season by following God's word - with a gift to help your brothers and sisters through the ministries of FISH.

I wish you and your family a blessed and holy Christmas!
In His Service,

Cindy

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*See enclosed donation envelope for giving options. If you wish, you may designate which program your gift will benefit - FISH, FISH4Kids, or FISH MD.