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IMPACT REPORT

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Many things have changed since and during the Pandemic. However, one thing has remained consistent, the way we share the love of Jesus will always be a part of our identity in Christ. God wants us to let our light and love shine before people. The “people” is exactly what we are about at ROP. The community is our lifeline. Jesus writes, “Love the Lord your God with all your passion, prayer, and intelligence. This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it. Love others as well as you love yourself. These two commands are pegs; everything in God’s Law and the Prophets hangs from them.” Matthew 22:37-40 (*The Message Bible*)

God is up to some amazing things at ROP. His blessings are amazing! ROP is excited to have two awesome, passionate, gifted, and humbled Directors join the ROP team. We are immensely grateful for Tracey Grant - Work Readiness/GED Director, and Meghan Whatmore - Teens Ministries Director. But this month, I want to highlight the impact of ROP’s Food Bank ministry.

On average, the Food Bank at Restoration Outreach Programs (ROP) distributes 2,031 pounds of food one day a week for two hours. In addition to the pounds of food distributed per week:

- 1,232 households have been served YTD
- 1,186 children have been served YTD
- 1,174 adults have been served YTD
- 39,906 pounds of food has been distributed YTD



Forty plus families and individuals gather weekly with smiles, gratitude, and often communicate their appreciation to receive food from ROP’s Foodbank with each other and the team.

Individuals are often engaged in conversations with each other when they arrive as they wait for the Foodbank to open. I had an opportunity to join ROP’s neighbors and hear firsthand how thankful they are for the services ROP provides.

Let me introduce you to five of ROP friends who expressed gratitude for the Food Bank distribution:

“I am grateful for the food from ROP because my budget is very limited, especially during the Pandemic.” -RU

“Work is slow, I thank God ROP blesses me to have food weekly. I also love the encouragement I received from the staff.” -JV

“ROP has been a lifesaver, the only money I receive is social security and it is not enough.” -MK

“ROP rocks! I receive food weekly and often job referrals from ROP.” -NB

“ROP is consistent with its programs. There are many organizations closed due to the Pandemic. It’s hard and mentally draining trying to keep it all together.” -DAO



Although, many of the families have not accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, they often state that a higher power provides their needs.

One of the students who participated in ROP’s English program felt so blessed by the services and the food she received weekly from the Food Bank, she has become a stellar volunteer in the Food Bank.

It is through your support that we are able to fully realize this incredible impact on our community. You are making a difference by partnering with us in being the hands and feet of Christ.

“God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them.” Hebrews 6:10

Jesus is Lord,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary P. Tellis". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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