



Nickels and Dimes Newsletter

WINTER 2019

Letter from the Director

So excited to be writing again to let you all know what is going on here at NECO. Our apologies for not being able to send out a letter earlier but we were stopped by something completely out of our control and hope and pray that we will be able to faithfully mail these letters out in a timely manner. Your support is important to us here at NECO and we cannot do what we do without each and every one of you. You also need to know what is going on, so that you can see how God can use you in this community effort to serve and to rejoice with us as we see His hands at work.

We are in full swing with all of the Holiday preparations, from Thanksgiving dinners to Christmas dinners and toys for the kids, as well as some gifts for our sweet Senior Citizens.

We started this year with lower numbers than normal for our Seniors, around only 25, but have added so many new ones so that we are up to around 40 now. It is such an honor to be able to serve so many Senior Citizens and we pray that God would allow us to continue to meet this huge need. We get calls daily from Senior Citizens that are struggling in so many ways.

In April it was decided that we would need to close the Ferris location, so we connected with the Pastors of several churches and offered them to host a food pantry and we donated all of the equipment and food that we had set up in the Ferris pantry. That pantry is located inside of First Baptist Church in Ferris, however, we have always and will continue to serve Ferris and Red

Oak from our Red Oak location.

In April we also listed our old building downtown, The NOB, and are anxiously awaiting the sell of that building which will help us to expand here at our Red Oak location. Currently the struggle is huge for the thrift store to expand and to also have adequate parking for store shoppers. The NOB would be an amazing Coffee Shop or even an event location and has such an amazing vibe for any fun business coming into Red Oak. With the growth and plans for the City Municipal to move just down the street it will soon be a very key location for traffic in and out of the downtown area. Please help us spread the word so that we can move forward in this very vital next step.

Through all of this God has met us this year at every turn and we trust Him to continue to provide. The work and ministry have stayed true to His calling and we will continue to do so as He allows. If you would like to make a donation and have a Christmas card mailed to someone in someone's honor or in memory of please use the slip and envelope provided. Again, Thank you for your faithful support, through time, through finances and through prayer.

Have a Wonderful and Merry Christmas!

Denise Butler
Executive Director



Greetings from Client Assistance

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Over the last 12 months \$189,775.00 worth of food! This has taken care of approximately 1810 families.

HELPING THE NEEDY

We have provided \$69,751.26 in financial services for families over the past 12 months. Serving 1370 families in total for this time frame.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Loving on people, praying with people and showing the love of Jesus through every call,

interview, food pull, class taught or bill paid. Many time's it is just a smile or a hug or maybe just being that listening ear!

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Urgent need for toiletries, soups, spaghetti sauce and canned veggies.

Ask your group to consider and Adopt a Shelf in our pantry to help meet the demands.

Maybe you would like to join our volunteer force to help us keep up the workload.

Prayer!

Pantry Needs

Soap

Razors

Canned Salmon

Shampoo

Dish Soap

Canned Chicken

Toilet Paper

Canned Soups

Canned Beans with no salt

Toothpaste

Spaghetti Sauce

Canned Tomato Products



Opportunity to Give

Please use this donation for

Food Pantry _____ Client Assistance _____ General _____

Building Program _____

In honor of _____ or

In Memory of _____



Thrift Store Happenings

Come shop at PFH and become a regular PFH Junkie. You will find some pretty cool stuff here. Many items are coming in new with tags, we have vintage finds, specialty cooking items and some pretty nice décor items to meet your needs. Follow our Facebook page as well to keep up with items that have been donated. If you haven't been in this year you may not know that we now have a system in place to keep track of your rewards to earn money off towards your purchase and we can now also process your credit and debit card purchases with a minimum of \$10 purchased.

Need to do some cleaning out? Please check on line at necoutreach.org to see what items are acceptable or call if you are unsure about a particular item. We want to make sure the items that come in can be resold or

given to someone in need. Our best time to receive donations would be in February so if cleaning out through the Holidays seems too much for you, consider dropping off during this time. It will help you and us. Just to give you some perspective of the volume of donations we are processing and the amount of items that are unusable, we are forced to send out approximately 95% of the items donated through a recycle company to the tune of 3 pick-ups a week and our dumpster has to be emptied 5 days a week which cost \$800 a month. We live in a disposable society and it is harder to repair many items these days than just to replace them. The man hours or should I say woman hours it takes to process these donations is incredible. Again if you are unsure if an item you would like to donate is acceptable just call!

Christmas
Begins
with
Christ

A black silhouette of a person kneeling in prayer, with their hands clasped together. The figure is positioned to the left of the word 'Begins' in the Christmas-themed text.



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