WHO WE SERVED IN 2018

- OVER 360 FAMILIES
- OVER 1500 INDIVIDUALS
- ALMOST 900 CHILDREN
- NEARLY 3000 PANTRY VISITS
- 21 ZIP CODES & FOUR COUNTIES IN GREATER CLEVELAND

GET INVOLVED!

PASSOVER IS COMING!

- DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO COULD USE A FOOD PACKAGE?
- WOULD YOU LIKE TO DELIVER PACKAGES?
- WANT TO HELP PACK BOXES?
- CALL US TODAY! 216-932-3115

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

CHESED AT ITS BEST

As 2018 nears its end, we at the Chesed Center cannot help but feel an abundance of gratitude towards all our supporters and volunteers. We have once again seen a year of involvement and encouragement from the entire breadth of the Jewish community. We feel blessed to be a vehicle for such unity.

In addition to our monthly pantry visits, we aim to provide assistance to our clients at financial "crunch" times. This year at Passover, we distributed over $60,000 worth of food and supplies to 250 families. We founded a branch of 'Maot Chitim of Greater Chicago' in our community, with its goal to reach families who are not already being supported by the Jewish organizations during the holidays.

Another "crunch" time is the beginning of the school year, when we distributed over 100 backpacks with supplies. In the words of one recipient, "You can't even imagine what a sigh of relief it was when I picked up the 3 backpacks filled with supplies. Back to school shopping had always put a large, extra strain on the finances & with the help of the Chesed Center, this year we are able to breathe easier."

Financial literacy continues to be an important focus. We completed a series of educational articles in a free local circular, have worked with several families one-on-one, and hope to expand the reach of these services even further in 2019.

We are pleased to have been chosen as a distribution partner for the organization, "Shoes and Clothes for Kids." This program includes five distributions annually of new clothing and school supplies. Our first distribution took place in November with winter coats and Payless shoe gift cards given out at no cost to the Chesed Center or our clients.

A tremendous thank you to all of you who have volunteered your valuable time to help our organization be the best it can be.

We eagerly anticipate another year of growth and continued involvement from the community.