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May 13th was this year's "Stamp Out Hunger" Program held by post offices across the country. This program is voluntary with each post office and we want to say thank you to all the area postal workers who put in extra time on a Saturday to pick up the many bags of food left by mail boxes. It's even more work for those who walk their route! As we have for many years, Operation Blessing helped by driving the routes in Crestwood and collecting the food put out. This year, we collected 966 lbs. That is a great blessing. But, even more amazing is that we ended up with over 13,000 lbs. of food donated by other area post offices to us! Thank you so much to the Mt Greenwood, Posen, and Bridgeview post offices for their generosity and helping to stock our pantry.



The June Hunger Walk has been moved to September. More information coming soon.



MONTHLY MEETING

You are invited to Operation Blessing's monthly meeting. We would like your suggestions, input and ideas. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 11, at 7pm. We meet in the Conference Room of the Pantry.

May Statistics

Heads of Households	1081
Individuals	3848
Salvations	77
New clients	55
Prayed for	943



Open for food: Tues., Thurs., Fri., 9:00a.m.—12:00pm, Weds., 12:00pm—3:00pm

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Would you like to help Operation Blessing but can't make it during our regular hours? No worries! Here's a way to help that only takes a few hours of your time: Volunteer at the Greater Chicago Food Depository on our behalf. A few weeks ago I went with a group from Parkview Church on a Wednesday night. Our project was to repack huge bales of pinto beans into 3 lb. bags. We had bean shovelers, bean runners, bean baggers, and bean packers. At the end of about 3 hrs., we had repacked 8,208 lbs of beans into 2,736 3lb bags! Some of those bags may actually end up at our place. It was fun, we socialized, and the time spent earned Operation Blessing work credits that are put in our account and allows us to buy food. The Parkview Church will be going again on August 16th and anyone is welcome to join them. Or, if you're part of a small group, arrange for your group to go on their own. Give us a call and we'll give you the information or just go to www.chicagosfoodbank.org and look under "Volunteer". When you register, you must say you're working for Operation Blessing South, A00136 so that we get the credit. They have many projects to work on and it's a fun experience.



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