



Central Avenue Center of Hope Newsletter

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A Place Where All are Welcome

Winter 2020

A great big **Thank You** to all who contributed to the Center in 2019!

Central Avenue Center of Hope has been very blessed over the last several years. Last year we made our budget for 2019. We exceeded our budget due to contributions, grants, Faithful 50 and the thrift store.

The Center received 2,500 pairs of socks from Bombas socks. We also had a washer and dryer donated to the center. We had monetary donations from: Church of the Brethren, Charities Aid Foundation, Bonner Springs Community of Christ, Spectrum Health Foundation, Church of the Brethren's Youth Camp, and many other groups and individuals. Mission Road Community of Christ gave Easter books for the children and collected school supplies. Oak Ridge Baptist did a clothes drive. The Center received Bethel Community of Christ garage sale remains.

Several groups provided meals or served meals over the last year. Some of them were Camp Hermon Junior Camp, Salem Missionary Baptist, Colonial Hills Youth, Casa de Dios, Liberty Community of Christ, Church of the Brethren, Olathe Community of Christ, Cowboys, Shawnee Drive Community of Christ, CCW, UM Omega Sonority, Highlands Community of Christ and many others.

Highlands Community of Christ had an angel tree at Christmas and reverse advent that donated items to Central Avenue. We received 11,621-lbs. food from the Postal Food Drive. The CARD Drive brought in 875-lbs. food. Feed the Elderly served 22 households.

Project Warmth provided coats, blankets, gloves & scarves. Paper Goods Drive went great. Excelsior Springs Community of Christ won the contest.

The Christmas Store served 42 parents/grandparents, 190 children. We served 97 meals and those attending the Christmas meal received a gift.

Central Avenue Center of Hope has been added to e-tithing for Midlands Mission Center members. You can also donate on the amazon smile website. <https://smile.amazon.com/>

Please continue to pray for and contribute to Central Avenue Center of Hope in 2020.

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Greetings from the Site Director:

We were blessed through the holidays. Our Thanksgiving Day meal went well. We didn't serve as many as we would have liked but the weather was not good. We handed out 22 Thanksgiving baskets to the elderly. Christmas programs went smoothly. We served several parents and grandparents with the Christmas Store. The meal with all the fixings was enjoyed by over 100 people. Everyone enjoyed receiving a gift. We gave 23 Christmas baskets to the Elderly. They really appreciate the meal we provide for them. We also were blessed by several large donations of funds.



Thank you all for a very successful 2019.

We are grateful to have coats, caps, gloves and scarves to give to people that need them. We provide a warm place to be for a little while during the winter months.

The new year has brought us challenges with the weather. Our main entrance is off an alley that the city does not treat. With the icy conditions, it's not an easy task to get to the Center and get inside safely. We have closed a few days to keep our volunteers and clients safe. The snow doesn't slow us down much but the ice does.

We are planning ahead with programs for 2020. We start the CARD Drive this month. This helps us have plenty of food for our pantry and meals. On March 21st we'll have our Appreciation Dinner for volunteers and donators of the Center. The second Saturday in May will be the Postal Food Drive which will bring us an abundance of shelf stable food.

We had a group of youth from the TWIST weekend come on January 25. They helped sort can goods at the center. In March we'll have a youth group serve our lunch time meal.

We really appreciate all the support of funds, donations of food, clothing, household items and all items that are given to the Center. That's what keeps this ministry going.

Thank You

Marsha Nave



Central Avenue Center of Hope Yearly Report 2019

Meals: 8,737

Adults: 7,531 Children: 498 Elderly: 729

Pantry: Households: 142 Adults: 199

Children: 218 Elderly: 47 School Supplies: 97

Homeless: Services: 136 Showers: 649

Volunteers: Hours: 5,782.5 Regular: 147 New: 55

Feed the Elderly: Thanksgiving: 22 Christmas: 23

Christmas Store: 42 parents/grandparents Children: 190

Meals provided by; Casa de Dios, Liberty Community of Christ, Church of the Brethren, Olathe Community of Christ, Cowboys, Shawnee Dr. Community of Christ, CCW, UM Omega Sonority



Thank you to all who donated to the Thanksgiving and Christmas meals! We could not do this ministry without you!

Thank you also to all our volunteers who cut and peel potatoes and help in the preparation. We have a great crew that just shows up and knows what to do. This takes the stress off Marsha for a couple of meals!

Thank you to Carmen Lee and ReQeisha Portley for coming out to volunteer on Thanksgiving morning!



Christmas Store update

We wanted to send a heartfelt thank you to all of those who donated their time, money, gifts and food to make the Christmas Store a success. Your donations enabled us to provide 190 children with Christmas gifts and each person who dined with us also received a wrapped Christmas gift. It was truly a blessing to see the impact made by YOUR donations to our community in need.

In July we will be doing our drive for our next Christmas Store. Start thinking about how you can donate any clean, unwrapped, new or gently used toys of all kinds.



C.A.R.D. (Central- Avenue –Resource- Drive)

It has been eight months since we restocked the pantry with food from the Postal Food Drive. This time of year our pantry shelves empty out.

The C.A.R.D. (Central- Avenue –Resource- Drive) runs from **February 9th through March 29th**. We need pantry items to help the families who are in crisis and need help with basic food. This year more than ever, pantries all over the metro area, are seeing an increase in needs for basic living.

Items needed are listed below. Monetary donations are also welcome to buy items needed to help small children, new mothers, and items that we don't receive from the C.A.R.D. pantry restock.

We desperately need your help. Please help us feed our neighbors in need.



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Items needed at CACH:

Kitchen: dish soap, tub margarine, coffee

Pantry: spinach, fruit, canned pinto beans, fried beans, great northern beans, jelly

Homeless: jeans, shoes

Thrift Store: any item

Upcoming Events:

CARD Drive February 9th to March 29th

Postal Drive Saturday, May 9th

Christmas in July

**Contact the Center during these winter months
to make sure we are open before you come to
visit if we have bad weather!**