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2018 Highlights and Blessings for which SHEM is truly thankful for...

- Faithful Volunteers and Board Members sharing their time and talents, providing over 10,000 hours of service.
  - Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital Health Social Accountability Grant, which provided milk for food boxes and the meal site.
  - The old Gun Shop has been totally emptied and a planning committee is working on designing the space.
  - The Hawthorne Civil War Food Drive event, SHHS, Holley and Foster Elementary School food drives, SHHS and ELCA students that help with Linn-Benton Food Share deliveries and service projects.
  - Additional deliveries of produce, which allows clients access to bread, fruit and vegetables each week.
  - The Food Hero and CHEF programs that provide nutritional education opportunities.
  - 220 families from our community visited the food pantry for the first time!
  - Community purchased Turkey and Santa Bucks from Safeway provided holiday meals for families.
  - Coordinated 214 Christmas boxes, by partnering with 12 different churches, organizations and families (blessing 938 people).
  - Serving the community and providing hunger relief in the community for 39 years!
  - 2717 emergency food boxes were distributed, feeding 9636 people (3230 were children).
  - 7944 meals were prepared and served at the meal site.
  - Building expansion project at the back of the building nears completion and the new roof on the shed.
  - Back to School Bash partnership with Harvest Christian distributed over 500 backpacks & supplies to local school students.
  - Salvation Army Bell-Ringers helping fundraise for the Back to School Bash Project.
  - SH Community Foundation Grant, allowing SHEM to strengthen its Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Program.
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- We are so grateful for your continued prayers and thankful for this caring, supportive community who are helping make a difference here in Sweet Home. May God richly bless you in the New Year.

~Cindy L Rice, Pantry Manager and the SHEM Family

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