

## 2015 Highlights and Blessings for which SHEM is truly thankful for...

- The completion of the ICE Emergency Generator Project and celebrated by the community.
- Distributing 3495 emergency food boxes, which served 13,346 people (5028 children) the Manna meal site served 8,135 meals!
- Dedicated Volunteers from the pantry and meal site, who provided 10,532 hours of service.
- New carts were placed into service at Manna and the food pantry with a SHHS Community 101 Grant.
- Hand Sanitizing stations were placed at the food pantry and the meal site with a grant from the Sweet Home Community Foundation for "The Bug Stops Here!" Project.
- The installation of a more larger capacity, efficient hot water heater.
- A \$1000 "Hunger Is" Grant from Safeway, which was used to purchase milk.
- A Samaritan Health Social Accountability Grant to provide milk for each food box and at the meal site.
- The Hawthorne Civil War Food Drive event, Holley Elementary School Food Drive, SHHS Leadership Class and SHHS Students, the ELCA students that help with Linn-Benton Food Share deliveries.
- SHEM is now on Facebook. Check it out and make sure to "Like" us!
- SHEM has engaged Koopman Consulting to handle the financial responsibilities.
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing raised \$886 for purchasing backpacks for the Back to School Celebration.
- Additional deliveries of produce, allowing clients access to bread, fruit and vegetables each week.
- The food pantry building mortgage balance is creeping downwards towards \$25,000.00!
- Sweet Home Safeway shoppers purchased Turkey and Santa Bucks, which provided Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners to several hundred people.
- SHEM coordinated the distribution of over 200 Christmas boxes sponsored by 10 different churches and organizations in the community.

We are truly thankful for a caring, supportive community who help make a difference. May God continue to richly bless you in the New Year.

~Cindy L Rice, Pantry Manager and the SHEM Family