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2017 Highlights and Blessings for which SHEM is truly thankful for...

- Faithful Volunteers sharing their time and talents, providing over 10,000 hours of service.
- Samaritan Health Social Accountability Grant to provide milk for each food box and at the meal site.
- The building mortgage has been paid in full!
- 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, allowing clients access to bread, fruit and vegetables each week.
- 440 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 distribution of 210 Christmas boxes (blessing 926 people!) sponsored by 12 different churches and organizations.
- Serving the community and providing hunger relief in the community for 38 years!
- 2745 emergency food boxes were distributed, feeding 10,132 people (3595 were children).
- 7944 meals were prepared and served at the meal site.
- Building expansion project at the back of the building will be completed soon.
- 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.
- 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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