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2019 Highlights and Blessings for which SHEM is truly thankful for...

- Faithful Volunteers sharing their time and talents, providing over 10,000 hours of service.
- Special thanks to everyone who has blessed SHEM with their time & talents during the Gun-shop remodel, which will be completed soon! Watch for information on the upcoming Open House soon!
- Samaritan Health Social Accountability Grant again provided milk for each food box and at the meal site.
- 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.
- 218 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 230 Christmas boxes (blessing 950 people!) sponsored by 12 different churches and organizations.
- Serving the community and providing hunger relief in the community for 40 years!
- 2,513 emergency food boxes were distributed, feeding 9,007 people (2,960 were children).
- 9,137 meals were prepared and served at the meal site.
- Carmen's Closet distributed over 18,000 clothing and household items donated by the community
- Back to School Bash partnership with Harvest Christian distributed over 500 backpacks & supplies to local school students.
- Salvation Army Bell-Ringer Volunteers at SH Bimart helping fundraise \$1560 towards the Back to School 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, the SHEM Board and Volunteers

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