

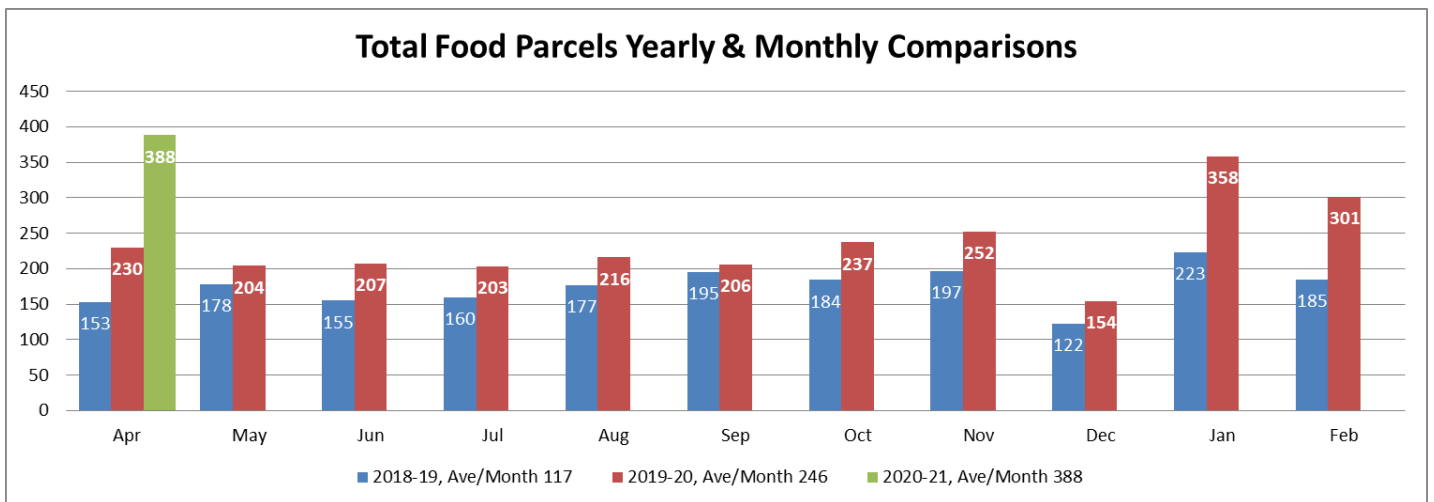


"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat"
[Matthew 25:35]

Serving Jesus in His most distressing disguise

Need Project Report

April 2020



***It's another new financial year for the Need Project
 And we've already set another record month of food parcels (388!).***

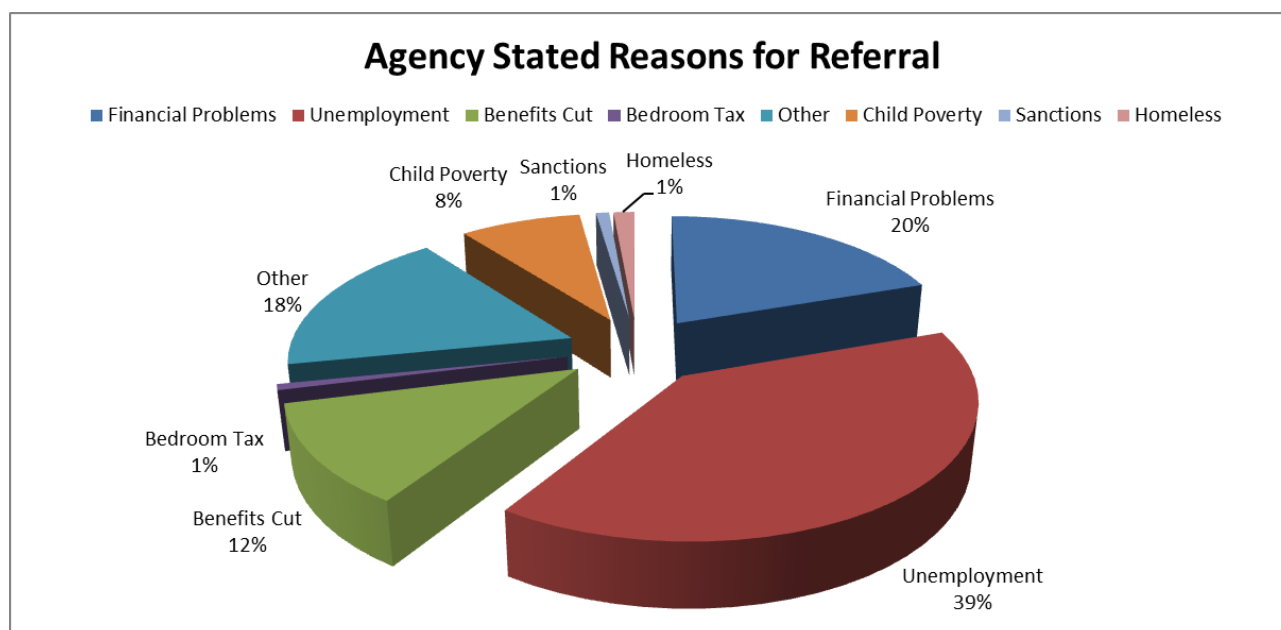
During this crisis, as expected the virus has had a significant impact on the referrals we've received. Thankfully, we have been able to continue serving those in need

The agencies and partners that most of our referrals came from are:

Grand Union	NHS	Herts	Cent Beds	CAB	Children Centers
32	68	36	68	2	48

There were over 140 from other agencies and organisations.

Statistics



Most of the 'Other' referrals were due to Covid-19 lockdown plus a large percentage of the 'Unemployment' referrals were also due to Covid-19 lockdown. Hence an increase in both.

Hubs Summary	Total to Date	Monthly Average
Flitwick	42	42
Sandy	83	83
Stotfold	78	78
Shefford	45	45
Biggleswade	44	44
Marston	14	14
Out of Area	82	82
	388	

Total value to date at £54 per parcel	£ 20,952.00	Christmas Parcels at £70 per parcel	£ -
Total value this month at £54 per parcel	£ 20,952.00	Overall Total Year from April to Date	£ 20,952.00

Children	Age 0-4	Age 5-10	Age 11-17	Adults	Total
Totals (yr)	195	180	120	572	1067
Christmas	0	0	0	0	0

It's always good to be appreciated and encouraged:
A message received from a local family:

Hi Gordon thank you so much for the clothes and food parcel and the flowers I am speechless I just got up as my medication makes me tired and when I saw it all I cried xx you have really looked after us I am so grateful to you and the other people who help please thank everyone xx you have no idea what it means to us and how much it will help us xxx the clothes are amazing my daughter is so pleased with them xx bless you, bless your kind heart

*Every piece of clothing fits my daughter is overjoyed as are we thank you for remembering her size xxxx
The flowers are in pride of place in the lounge xx I can't tell you the last time I had flowers xxxxxx*

Furniture, Furnishings and White Goods

Items			Actual items includes		
White goods	2	£ 50.00	Cookers	0	£ -
Beds	6	£ 195.00	Fridges/freezers	1	£ 50.00
Bedroom furniture	0	£ -	Suites/sofas	0	£ -
Lounge furniture	0	£ -	Washing machines	0	£ -
Misc & baby equip	6	£ 230.00	Microwaves	0	£ -
Bedding	9	£ 90.00	TV's / DVD players	2	£ 60.00
Estimated value		£ 565.00	Estimated value		£ 110.00

Tot Est Value for Month	£872
Tot Est Value Year to date	£872

There's a Cost.

None of this could happen without funds so we are actively seeking funds through grants and donations.

Would you consider donating something on a regular basis? If you can and are willing, please let our Administrator (Dave Marchant) know and he will tell you how to do it e-mail: admin@theneedproject.co.uk .

Lots of small monthly donations can become a big amount of funding every month. Annual or one-off donations are good too. Together we can make a difference.

Our objectives

To relieve persons in Central Bedfordshire and the surrounding area that are in poverty or financial hardship in such ways as the Trustees from time to time think fit, in particular, but not exclusively by:

1. Providing food parcels to support individuals and families who are experiencing food deprivation.
2. Providing other items to meet immediate and essential needs, as resources allow.
3. Developing other forms of support to meet immediate need and alleviate financial hardship.

Our values

We are a Christian organisation motivated by Jesus' teaching on poverty and injustice. We operate according to Christian principles of compassion, honesty, integrity, openness, kindness and care of all people, regardless of backgrounds or beliefs (or none). We are passionate about inclusion and being non-judgemental is central to what we do. We believe that everyone has the right to have food on their plate, dignity, skills, a chance to work and hope for the future.

Please pass this report on to anyone who would be interested in the work of the Need Project.

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