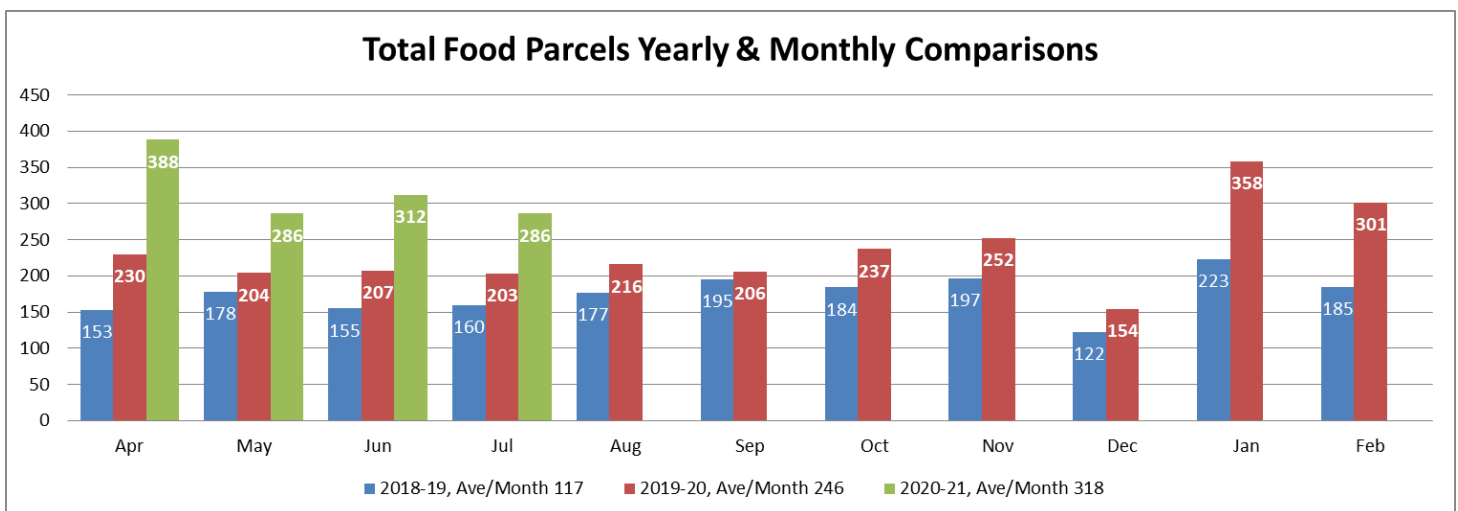




"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat"
[Matthew 25:35]

Serving Jesus in His most distressing disguise

Need Project Report ***July 2020***



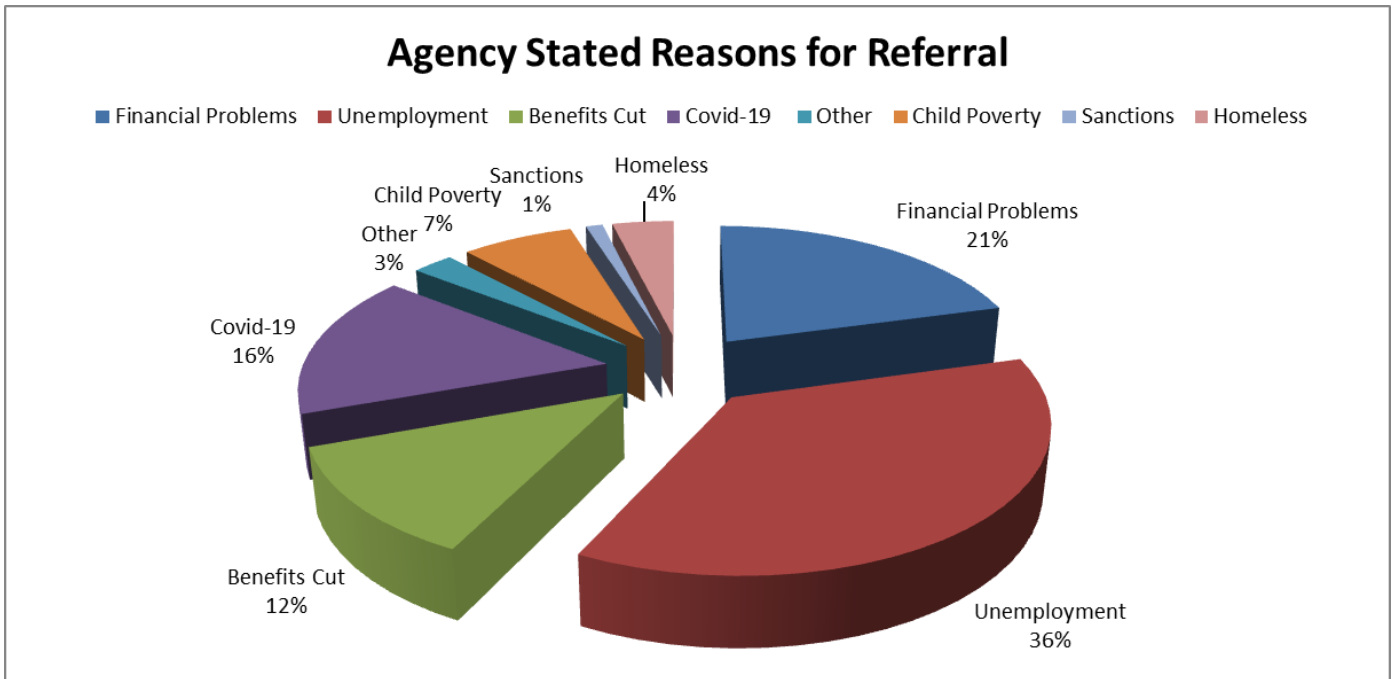
In addition we gave out over 50 bags of essential items in the final week of July to families struggling with holiday hunger. We were also in a position to support a food charity which in the past had helped us greatly by giving basic items that we had surplus of.

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

Grand Union	NHS	Herts	Cent Beds	CAB	Child'n Cent's (Cent Beds)
19	14	39	70	3	23

Most came from Central Beds Council, **93** including Childrens Centres. Other agencies that sent us referrals, but not counted specifically include schools, job centres, welfare organisations, charities and churches.

Statistics



Although not reported or noted as Covid-19, many of the unemployed and financial problems were probably due to lock-down and jobs lost plus benefits not paid out yet.

<u>Hubs Summary</u>	<u>Total to Date</u>	<u>Monthly Average</u>
Flitwick	154	39
Sandy	291	73
Stotfold	197	49
Shefford	134	34
Biggleswade	137	34
Marston	44	11
Out of Area	317	79
	1274	

Total value to date at £54 per parcel	£ 68,688.00	Christmas Parcels at £70 per parcel	£ -
Total value this month at £54 per parcel	£ 15,444.00	Overall Total Year from April to Date	£ 68,688.00

<u>Children</u>	<u>Age 0-4</u>	<u>Age 5-10</u>	<u>Age 11-17</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Total</u>
Totals (yr)	658	565	403	1947	3573
Christmas	0	0	0	0	0

Furniture, Furnishings and White Goods

Items			Actual items includes		
White goods	3	£ 180.00	Cookers	0	£ -
Beds	7	£ 245.00	Fridges/freezers	1	£ 80.00
Bedroom furniture	2	£ 90.00	Suites/sofas	2	£ 100.00
Lounge furniture	6	£ 150.00	Washing machines	1	£ 80.00
Misc & baby equip	11	£ 150.00	Microwaves	1	£ 20.00
Bedding	0	£ -	TV's / DVD players	0	£ -
Estimated value		£ 815.00	Estimated value		£ 280.00

Tot Est Value for Month	£ 900.00
Tot Est Value Year to date	£2,795.00

Despite restrictions due to the lock-down in both the number of items donated and the logistics of delivery, we have been able to continue helping families with household items including 7 beds.

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 .

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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