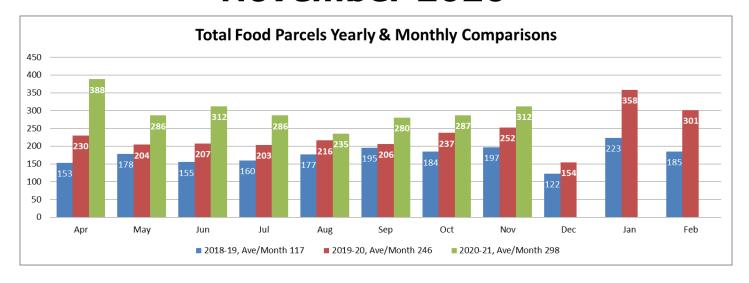


"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat"

[Matthew 25:35]

Serving Jesus in His most distressing disguise

Need Project Report November 2020



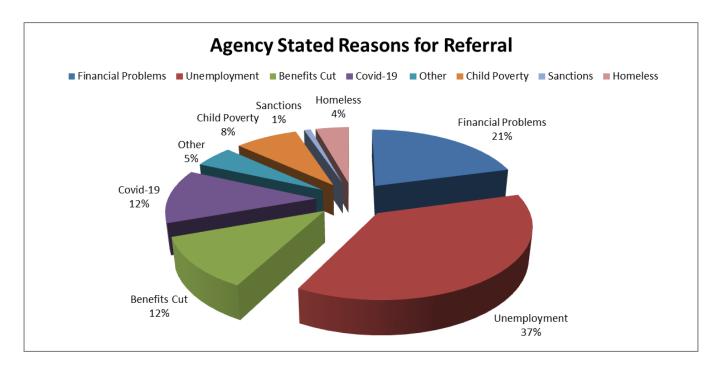
"To Gordon and the team, thank you very much for the bed, bedding and drawers last week, the family were very pleased with them and it means mother will not have to sleep on the sofa with her bad back anymore. Stay safe one and all."

Dear Dave, Thanks so much for the food parcel, I dropped it off on the way home and the Mum cried! I will email CBC now and ask how we can get access to the Dunstable Foodbank.



What a strange year this has been – but there's hope on the horizon that 2021 will see proper control of Covid-19. We might be living with it for the future though.

Statistics



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)
30	23	25	54	8	37

Other agencies that sent us referrals, but not counted specifically include schools, job centres, welfare organisations, charities and churches.

Hubs Summary	Total to Date	Monthly Average
Flitwick	288	36
Sandy	599	75
Stotfold	355	44
Shefford	280	35
Biggleswade	259	32
Marston	85	11
Out of Area	523	65
	2389	

Total value to date at £54 per parcel	£ 128,844.00
Total value this month at £54 per parcel	£ 16,848.00

<u>Children</u>	Age 0-4	Age 5-10	Age 11-17	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Total</u>
Totals (yr)	1349	1193	974	3913	7429

"Hi Gordon and the wonderful ladies that helped me this morning at short notice . I was given so much food and other items for a family I am working with. This is the third family you have helped me with and words cannot express my thanks. The families have also been so grateful for your kindness. With grateful thanks L" - Health visitor in North Herts

Furniture, Furnishings and White Goods

Items			
White goods	5	£	130.00
Beds	16	£	510.00
Bedroom furniture	5	£	240.00
Lounge furniture	11	£	185.00
Misc & baby equip	13	£	170.00
Bedding	28	£	161.00
Estimated value		£	1,396.00

Actual items includes			
Cookers	0	£	-
Fridges/freezers	1	£	50.00
Suites/sofas	1	£	40.00
Washing machines	0	£	-
Microwaves	4	£	80.00
TV's / DVD players	4	£	120.00
Estimated value		£	290.00

Tot Est Value for Month	£ 1,581.00
Tot Est Value Year to date	£ 8,230.00

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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