



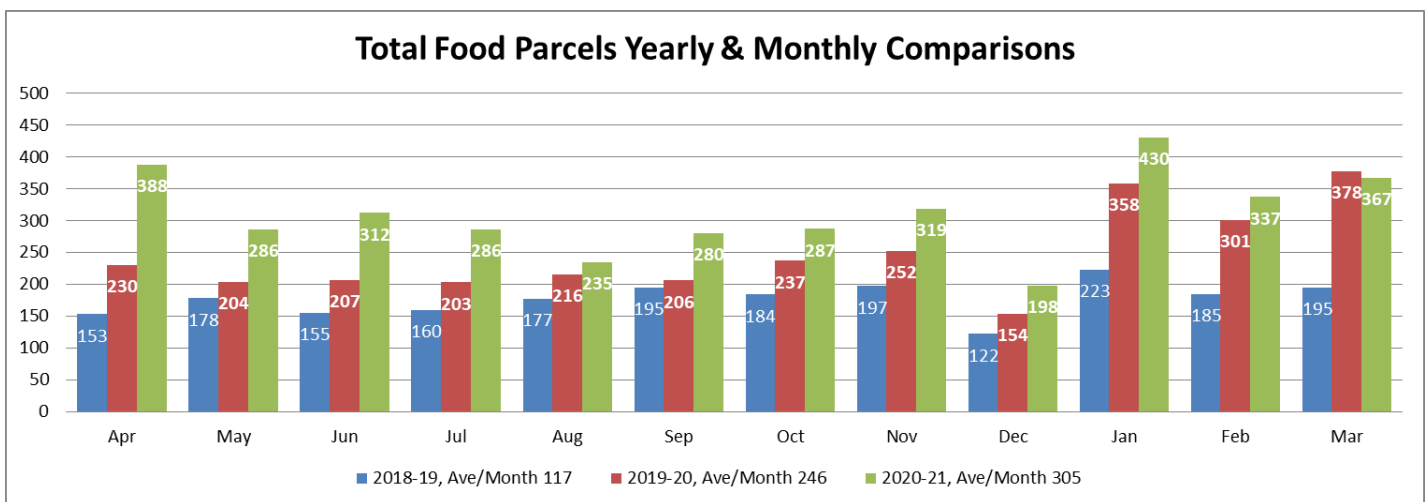
"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat"
[Matthew 25:35]

Serving Jesus in His most distressing disguise

Established 2008

Need Project Report – End of Year

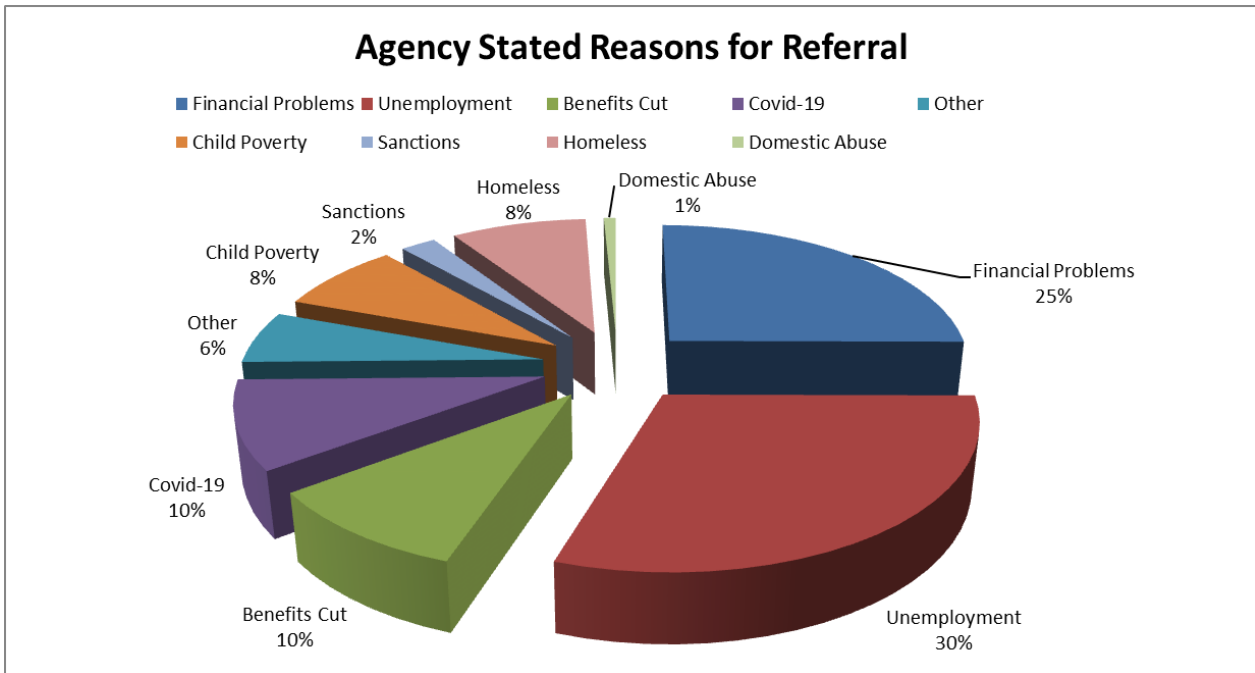
March 2021



March marks the end of our financial year, so we begin another from April. What a year we've all had! Nobody has escaped being impacted by the Covid pandemic in some way, and the battle isn't over yet. The number of referrals was higher than ever before, only March was slightly below last year. Although only 10% were attributed to Covid, I am sure there were many more, we didn't start collating Covid till later in the year. April gave us an outstanding increase in the number of referrals. From April through to June we were receiving a lot of referrals from Central Beds Council for people who were shielding. Many of the financial and unemployment cases reported must have been due to the pandemic.



Statistics



Were the unemployment and financial problems also impacted by Covid for many?

<u>Hubs Summary</u>	<u>Total to Date</u>	<u>Monthly Average</u>
Flitwick	420	35
Sandy	1066	89
Stotfold	520	43
Shefford	447	37
Biggleswade	398	33
Marston Moretaine	132	11
Out of Area	696	58
	3679	

Total value to date at £54 per parcel	£ 201,150.00	Christmas Parcels at £70 per parcel	£ 66,080.00
Total value this month at £54 per parcel	£ 19,818.00	Overall Total Year from April to Date	£ 267,230.00

Over £200k regular food parcels value this year (excluding Christmas)

<u>December Stats</u>	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Christmas</u>	<u>Total</u>
Food Parcels	198	944	1142

A record Christmas with over 900 food parcels delivered.

<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)	2220	2315	2183	6908	13626
Christmas	388	463	346	1287	2484

Feeding those that cannot buy food for themselves is what we do.

Furniture, Furnishings and White Goods

Items			Actual items includes		
White goods	0	£ -	Cookers	0	£ -
Beds	3	£ 105.00	Fridges/freezers	0	£ -
Bedroom furniture	4	£ 160.00	Suites/sofas	2	£ 140.00
Lounge furniture	9	£ 425.00	Washing machines	0	£ -
Misc & baby equip	15	£ 150.00	Microwaves	0	£ -
Bedding	10	£ 60.00	TV's / DVD players	0	£ -
Estimated value		£ 900.00	Estimated value		£ 140.00
Tot Est Value for Month			Tot Est Value Year to date		
		£ 955.00			£ 10,865.00

Despite restrictions on being able to supply furniture, we were still able to supply some families with furniture etc. Due to lockdown, and restrictions, collection of donated items was not possible, and then there's maintaining safe distance when delivering. We have had to turn down a few requests again during the year. The situation is expected to remain the same for a while.

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 . A big 'Thank You' to those that have been making donations each month.

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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