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## 2017 – YEAR END REPORT

Dear Friends,

Wings of Love & Care is blessed with incredible volunteers and a small group of donors. **It is important you know YOU ARE VITAL to this ministry.** Because of you, **14,239 people were served in 2017.** Thank you for showing love and care to families and children in St. Louis.

Your **Food Distribution Program** served 14,239 people in 2017. More than 71,272 pounds of food filled the cupboards and fridges of families in need. We were blessed to continue providing meat on a regular basis as well as fresh vegetables, fruit, canned goods, dry goods and desserts as available. Your giving made this possible! Our faithful volunteers continued to package the food each week and keep the Center clean and organized.

We are thankful to be able to continue the weekly **After School Program** and also offer **Summer VBS** to the children in the community. These programs have helped us build relationships with the children and families and provided a safe place for the children to come work on homework, learn about Jesus, receive a meal and benefit from many recreational activities. We continue to partner with *Confluence Academy* through distribution events to children in the school. We partnered with backpack distribution and a wonderful Christmas party.

In addition, the children who attend the Wings After School Program also benefited from these outreaches and also received backpacks and Christmas presents.

We hosted the annual **Thanksgiving Food Distribution** and **Christmas Food Distribution** as well, providing families the opportunity to prepare and enjoy holiday meals at home.

**In total, you provided the following services in 2017:**



- 197 Children received Backpacks & School Supplies
- 150 Children received Coats and dozens Hats & Gloves
- 200 Adults received Coats
- 201 Families received Thanksgiving Groceries
- 113 Children received 4-5 Christmas Gifts
- 162 Families received Christmas Groceries
- 10 Weeks of Vacation Bible School /Special Outings
- 44 Weeks of After School Program with special activities for all Holidays
- 14,239 People (4,788 Families) received 71,272 pounds of food from weekly Food Distributions

Christmas gifts made by the children for their families.

**Your donations provided services to the children, but YOU provided DIGNITY to the parents.** Individuals, families, churches and businesses expanded our capacity to do more in 2017 than ever.

**Christmas party note from Stephanie Glore, Crisis Aid Staff member:**

*"Yesterday God did a work in my heart like only He can do.*

*Seeing 38 families blessed with a Christmas is a joy I can't describe. Hearing their stories and hearing how they would not be having a Christmas if it wasn't for yesterday is beyond humbling. (Because) it reminds me to be thankful for what my family does have, and it's humbling knowing God chose each one of us to be their help in this season.*



*I watched sponsors provide toys for kids, clothes and shoes for kids and their parents, electronics and small appliances parents cannot afford, basic house cleaning supplies and toilet paper, gift cards for Christmas dinner groceries, and even a bed provided for a mom and dad that sleep on the couch and floor. The generosity and care that was poured on to these families was incredible and so touching.*

*What a reminder....As Pat (Crisis Aid International Founder) told each person yesterday in tears...how much God loves each of us. How much HE sees each of us. How much HE cares about exactly where we are right this second. What a day what a word straight to my heart. Serving other brings more joy and fulfillment than any other thing."*

It was a beautiful event. The families were so touched by the generosity of the donors. 38 families received Christmas and they were truly grateful for all they received. The families truly had no way to provide Christmas for their family. There were 113 children and 53 adults that were provided Christmas in 2017.



*A family blessed during this Christmas season.*

By His grace,

*Sue & Pat & Team*

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PS: To learn more, visit us at <https://www.crisisaid.org/wings/>

If you would like to make a donation online, just click the "Donate Now" button – THANK YOU

THANK YOU for restoring dignity, providing encouragement, meeting basic needs and providing many blessings to families in south St. Louis with great love and care.

We hope you will continue walking with us in 2018 to provide services with dignity through donations, volunteer service and gift-in-kind donations. God bless you!