

THE DELIVERY

January 2018

In 2017,
we received 1,982,179 lbs. of product
and we served: 106,313 Families
7,091 Seniors
103,546 Children
13,428 Volunteer Hours
and recorded 1,052 Salvations



A New Year's Letter

The New Year is most often seen as an opportunity for new resolutions, goals and ambitions. Most of us try our best...We have good intentions. We want change. We want to improve our situations—better health, lose weight, exercise, etc. We want to help others. We want to do more. We want to have more time, money, rest. We want less stress. So we get started...sometimes we achieve all of our goals, sometimes we don't. Sometimes we hold ourselves accountable; sometimes we ask others to help us be accountable. A lot of times we ask God for help; usually because we can't do it ourselves, or we don't know what else to do. So we pray, "God help me!" and God answers us in His time and in His way. But we need to remember that God wants our help too! He wants us to help ourselves, make the first move, have faith, move in faith, continue in faith, help others, help everyone and anyone we can, come together, help each other, share resources, share knowledge. Just Share.

Just do! Do something, anything. Move in a positive direction. Show some initiative. Tell others, spread the word, get excited, prepare, educate, share achievements, motivate others, include them, keep the ball rolling...do all these things and keep doing them and before you know it—success happens!! But what is success? It's different for each and every one of us. Here at Southeastern Food Bank, success is measured in many ways! It's the number of people we feed, who we feed, how often, how much, the number of organizations we help, who we connect with, what we do, where we go. Our success depends on many factors — common goals, resources, people working together; sharing time, talent and treasure. The success of our operations lies in our hands and in the hands of concerned and charitable individuals, like yourselves. Without you we can't

do what we do every day. Without your resources, time, talents and treasures we are limited. But God is unlimited! So He asks us to trust in Him; and we try and we do. But we are only human. We fail. The wonderful thing is that God blesses us every day with a new day, new opportunities, second chances, with wisdom and guidance and virtues! So, here we are! It's a new day, a new year, a new opportunity, a new chance to be successful! Let's work together, have a common goal, share our time, talents and treasures, help as many as we can, support one another, be kind, give of ourselves, have an open heart, be positive. We know that when we bless others, God will in turn bless us along the way. May God continue to bless you this new year for all that you have done to help us be successful. We are blessed! Happy New Year!

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A City on a Hill

For two years now, Orange Avenue Church of Christ has been a long standing partner in ministry with Southeastern Food Bank. What we appreciate so much about their ministry is that they go above and beyond to fill the spiritual and physical needs of the people they serve. In addition to each recipient being individually counseled, Pastor Phil Barnes himself will take a small group of recipients into a private room where he will lead them in devotions, and again, reemphasize their need for the Gospel. Further, not only do clients receive their boxes of food, but also a generous, hot breakfast prepared by the church staff, and also any clothing that they might need from the church clothing closet. It's truly an impressive operation that this church is coordinating on a monthly basis, and it is more than evident that their heart is to manifest the love of Christ to their community. Thank You, Orange Avenue!



Thank you... It's difficult to say goodbye to 2017 because, in it, we saw so much growth and return. It was in 2017 that the Lord provided us with a new warehouse in Quincy, FL, allowing us to serve not only the northern region of Florida, but Southern Alabama and Georgia as well. It was in 2017 that we were provided a new trailer in order to perform monthly senior community outreaches, where we were enabled to serve and share the Gospel with our home-bound seniors & elderly. And it was in 2017 that we were gifted with our 25th year of our Food for Families project. As we reflect on these blessings from God, we realize that he brought them most often by the means of your valuable labor alongside us, prayerfully, physically, and financially. We cannot thank you enough for 2017!

From our Founder... Mark Anthony

Please pray for the following: 1). For more partners to host programs in Central Florida, North Florida, Alabama & Georgia, 2). Funding to expand our reach in Florida, Alabama & Georgia, 3). For more international programs—to help people beyond our borders, 4). Newer vehicles—refrigerated & automatic transmission, to be able to pick up food donations, 5). Wisdom—for us to be able to be more effective in managing His organization.



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