



THE DELIVERY

January/February 2019



A family of volunteers deliver goods to household during Food for Families

2018 Year end Totals

We received: 1,447,334 lbs. of product
We served: 129,770 Families

9,375 Volunteer Hours
661 Salvations / Recommitments

The Strength of a Resolution

“This year I’m serious. Only one caramel macchiato per week!” “Hey Siri, set weekly Saturday alarm to 7:00am.” “Okay, it’s final: no more television past 9:00pm; book reading only.” Do any of these sound familiar? If so, it’s maybe because you’re one of many Americans who are hoping to not only rebound from the high intake of holiday food, but also begin a new streak of healthy habits.

While commendable and most encouraged, the startling statistic is that, according to US News, some 80% of New Years resolutions fail by the second week of February. So what is it that makes some successful and others not? Well, the answer to that question is in part what common sense would presuppose: a lack of discipline!

But suppose our successes in carrying out New Year’s

resolutions comes down to a more fundamental issue. While our resolutions, big or small, do tend to be chosen and carried out in a careful and calculated manner, we see in Scripture that before we can even begin to ask the “how’s” of accomplishing a plan, we must first ask “who’s plan is it?”.

Proverbs 19:21 tells us “There are many plans in a man’s heart, Nevertheless the Lord’s counsel—that will stand” (NKJV).

Similarly, James writes “Come now, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit’; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, ‘If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or

that.’ But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil” (James 4:13-16, NKJV).

How’s that for a New Year’s greeting! God’s Word is unmistakably clear: the plans of men are proud and futile, even those of a self-motivated New Year resolution! But there’s hope yet: if we make His plan to be our plan, and embrace His purposes rather than our own, He will see our efforts through. As He says in Psalm 37:4: “Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart” (NKJV).

So whatever it be that you’re hoping to improve upon in your life this year, may we encourage you to bring it before the Lord in honest humility and submission! Because, let’s be honest, it’ll be really difficult to stay away from those caramel macchiatos otherwise! Happy New Year to you and yours!

"Wherever you are, be all there. Live to the hilt every situation you believe to be the will of God."

- Jim Elliot

Thank you... We thank all of our beloved community for the success of 2018's annual Christmas Food for Families event this past December! Publix *again* had blessed us with two semi-trailers full of food and non-food product in addition to eighteen stores worth of food. Added to these donations were the generous contributions of local community food drives, increasing the canned product count to further reach West Orange residents.

We thank Ocoee High School for yet another year of hosting the event as well as providing the very necessary janitorial services during and after volunteer hours. With this, we give a hearty thank you to Jason Walker and Associates LLC who had again provided the invaluable facilitating and organizing of the evening's volunteers.

We are finally so very thankful for our volunteers and volunteer groups who were in attendance throughout the evening. Of these groups were the Disney VolunteARS, HighPoint Church, and Hogar Crea. This project wouldn't make it off the ground apart from all of our volunteers serving in their respective roles! You have our great gratitude!

CALENDAR

Valentines Day



Thursday,
February 14

We're thinking exactly the same thing as you:

"Valentines Day?! We just had Christmas and New Years!"

2019 March Food
for Families

Ocoee High School
1925 Ocoee Crown
Point Parkway
Ocoee, FL 34761

Saturday, March 9-
Sunday, March 10

This upcoming March we will be holding our annual
Easter Food for Families event.

We will be beginning early this year to maximize
volunteer availability!

More information soon to come at:
<http://www.southeasternfoodbank.com/>

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