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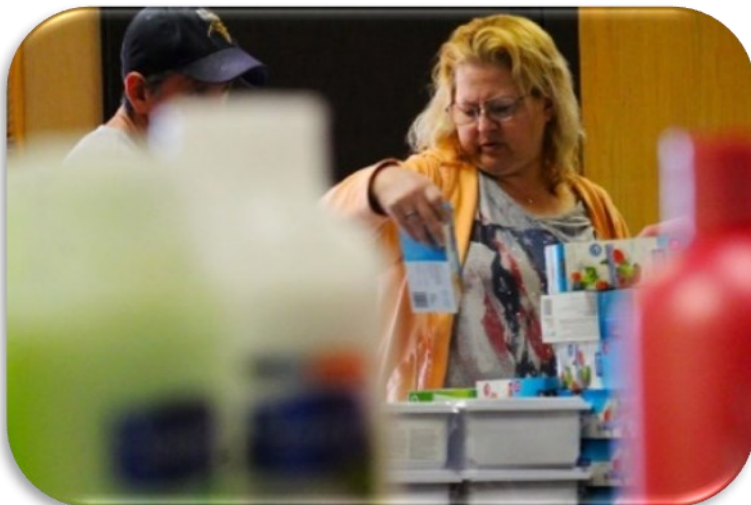
GIVING TO THE NATIONS A LOOK BACK AT 2019

It is now 2020, a new year, and the beginning of a new decade is now underway. We are celebrating the triumphs and moving forward from the seeming setbacks of 2019.

2019 was a year of plenty. It may have looked like a year of more delays than accomplishments to the casual observer. However, our supporters who have been in the trenches with us, seeing the vision and continuing to push the mission onward are witnesses to the amazing accomplishments.

Our mission “to advance the lives of others” has taken many different forms throughout 2019.

We continued with the renovation of the property on 12th Street in Racine to be utilized as a community outreach center to house our “Healthy Essentials Pantry” and learning opportunities for our Racine Community. Many businesses, skilled tradesmen, organizations and individuals donated their materials, time and talents to this project. To acknowledge a few for their contributions, BrightView Landscape Services maintained our site for 2 years, Great Lakes Community Conservation Corps (GLCCC) spent countless hours on building and site tear down and clean up. Unfortunately, the community outreach center will not come into fruition at this location as the property owners took possession of the property. Despite this loss, within the heart of Giving to the Nations beats our desire to serve and advance the lives of others. With our mission in focus we resolved that nothing would stop our community outreach, not even the loss of our public facing location. We continued throughout 2019 to serve individuals and families in rehabilitation homes, homeless shelters, families reunited out of incarceration and foster care, families of incarcerated individuals, working individuals, and families who just needed a little help. We also served individuals and families in transitional living facilities, rehousing programs, and low-income housing; as well as victims of fire or abuse. We provided personal care and household cleaning products as well as housewares, bedding, towels, clothing, toys and electronics to those in need. A triumphant step forward in our mission.



In March, through the generosity of the Dr. John Bryant Community Center opening its doors, we hosted a Personal Care and Household Products Giveaway[1] in which 123 families received an abundance of critically needed hygiene and home cleaning products. None of which would have been possible without the generosity of our donors and volunteers. To name a few we thank Skogen’s Festival Foods, Marty Defatte with Shorewest Realtors, the amazing staff and their associates at Meetings & Incentives Worldwide, Inc., and DeRango The Pizza King who provided delicious food to fortify us as we served the community. Together all of you have helped us deliver the gift of service to some of those who need it most.

In December, once again through the generosity of the Dr. John Bryant Community Center, we hosted a Give-A-Gift Holiday Open House in collaboration with the Racine County Sheriff's Office.[2] The event provided holiday gifts to families of Racine County Jail inmates as well less fortunate families of a local elementary school. We extended invitations to 260 families, and all who attended left with a bounty of gifts for themselves and their family members. We triumphed once again because of our supporters. Just to name a few: Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Wisconsin, Marty Defatte, Meetings & Incentives Worldwide, Inc., as well as the many businesses who furnished our volunteers with food and vouchers to show their support.



Through it all, we have been awarded new opportunities and have formed new relationships with many community service organizations, both government and nonprofit, to serve our Racine community. Through our amazing donor relationships providing a diverse and abundant supply of goods which allows us to continue to fill many unmet needs. Our first 2020 large event, Spring Cleaning and Outdoor Activities, is already in the works. Our journey continues to be marked with the triumphs we share in our mission to advance the lives of others.

*From all of us, a wholehearted thank you for all your support in 2019,
and your continued support in 2020.*



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