**RACAP News**

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**Thank you for helping us help others.**

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**Merry Christmas!** The most wonderful time of the year when children sing Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer and Here Comes Santa Claus. Church choirs sing O Little Town of Bethlehem, Angels We Have Heard on High, The First Noel, and Silent Night Holy Night. All the hustle and bustle of the holiday season leads us to the greatest gift which is the birth of the baby Jesus. RACAP has blessed many families with food this season ensuring everyone has a very Merry Christmas in 2024.”

***“Jesus Is the Reason for the Season”***

Kathy Staley, RACAP Board President

**Month in Review**

**November 2024 Results**

**91 Families (233 People) Assisted**

**73 Pantry Orders Prepared 189 People Fed**

**Estimated Value of Food Given: $11,865.25**

Dear RACAP Family,

 RACAP saw a lot of giving throughout the month of November and we are so thankful for that. The entire month, the food and monetary donations flowed in. What a blessing it was to see and it was also very much needed. Our wonderful member churches held their annual Harvest Sundays. Where they collected items for our Holiday Meal Baskets for our clients. Thank you member churches for your amazing support and hard work! This year, with the help of sponsors, 191 families were provided a Thanksgiving Meal Basket. A huge thank you to those that sponsored a family. Thank you to those that donated food items and those who gave monetary donations. We truly appreciate you all!

I would like to give some shout outs to some very special groups that really stepped up and helped RACAP.

The Army Residence Community gathered together and donated $13,235! What an amazing generosity!! Thank you so much!!

Randolph spouses Club generously donated a monetary check and also held a high tea where they collected food donations. We truly appreciate your continuous support! We look forward to seeing you all at an event in the future!

Schertz Cibolo Lions Club were kind enough to host a food drive outside Walmart in Cibolo. What a bountiful load of donations they surprised us with indeed! Thank you for all of your amazing support! You truly make a difference in our community!

The Schertz Cibolo Jeep Club have been such a blessing by donating to RACAP so much this year and we were so excited that they joined us in delivering our Thanksgiving Meal baskets to our local seniors. Our clients were very excited to see them and receive their meal. Thank you to this amazing selfless group that happens to drive very cool jeeps! You guys rock!

I would like to say a massive thank you to The Digital Transformation Agency. Every year, this wonderful group helps us prepare our nonperishable baskets. We thank you so much!

 The 435 FTS met us up at HEB to load up trucks of perishables and deliver our Holiday Meal Baskets to seniors in Schertz & Cibolo. This has been an ongoing tradition and we look forward to seeing you all at Christmas. Thank you for everything!

There are so many others we would like to thank:

 The local schools that hosted food drives; Dobie Junior High, Wiederstein Elementary and Samuel Clemens Thespian Troupe 1675. We appreciate you so much!

GS Troop 5033 donated fresh home-grown veggies and vegetables starter kits to our clients.

GVEC-Schertz who made a large monetary, food donation and sponsored families for the Christmas meal basket.

 A huge thank you to all the individuals that donated monetary donations. There were so many!

We are so blessed to live in such a wonderful community. Thank you to everyone that helps us help others!

With much gratitude,

 Lisa Loftus, RACAP Program Director

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**January Birthdays**

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 **Alice Hodges 1/8 AuBrianna Jones 1/26**

**Mandy Kemp 1/17 Becky Sturlz 1/30**

**Glennie Smith 1/18 Leona Hietala 1/31**

**Current Pantry Needs**

** Canned Pasta Meals**

 **Pads Toothbrush**

 **Shampoo Tampons**

 **Toothbrush**

**RACAP Board of Directors Meeting**

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**The RACAP Board of Directors now meets quarterly.**

**Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday January 21st at 7:00pm Location: Schertz First Baptist Church located at 600 Aero Avenue, Schertz 78154**

**Is your harvest too big for you? Do you have fruits or vegetables you would like to share with RACAP clients? Please feel free to donate any surplus fruits or vegetables you grow to us and we will include them in our grocery orders to clients. We are available for donation drop off Monday-Friday 1-3 p.m.**

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**FOOD DONATION DROPOFFS – BEFORE OR AFTER OPEN HOURS.**

**RACAP has drop off locations in the lobbies of these three businesses.**

 **1. Physicians Premier Emergency Room, 580 Cibolo Valley Dr. Ste.#137, Cibolo, is a 24/7 donation drop-off location. It is a three-story brick building around the corner from Cibolo Wal-Mart. Donations made here are brought to RACAP weekly. Contact Physicians Premier at (210) 254-0983 for more information.**

 **2. Schertz Cibolo Emergency Clinic, 4825 FM 3009, Ste. 200 Schertz, is a 24/7 drop-off location. The clinic is located between the ATT store and Bush’s Chicken. Donations are regularly brought to RACAP. Contact Schertz Cibolo Emergency Clinic at (210) 202-1123 for more information.**

 **3. Credit Human, 857 Cibolo Valley Drive Suite 232, Cibolo TX 78108 will collect donations during the following hours M-F 9-5 & Saturday 9-12 Contact Credit Human at (210) 258-1256 for more information.**

***If you would like to make a financial donation, you can click on the QR code and it will link you to our website. Thank you so much for your support!***

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