



LEELANAU CHRISTIAN NEIGHBORS

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Dear church members,

As long standing supporters of LCN, I thought you would enjoy a snap shot of what happened in 2020 at LCN.

Covid-19 made a difference in how we did business but as we look back we see so much good that happened. Here are a few bullet points to give you an idea of what it was like for us.

- Volunteers packed up the old Samaritans' Closet and many physically moved items from the old store to our new double-the-size store on the LCN campus. In two weeks, an empty building was transformed into the cutest boutique-ish resale store around!
- We purchased a new-to-us truck with a powered lift gate making it easier for volunteers to load and unload furniture and food.
- We were gifted a new automatic pallet jack making moving a full, 2,000 pound pallet of food much easier!
- When the pandemic hit we didn't even stumble. Volunteers put their heads together to find creative and safe ways to feed and diaper our neighbors. They worked in rain, sleet, snow and excessive heat. They packed hundreds of food bags each week and met our neighbors at the curb, all with a smile and a mask.
- Volunteers worked with area schools to make sure weekly bags of food found their way to the children.
- Volunteers worked tirelessly helping our neighbors with their financial needs whether on the phone or in person.
- The Leelanau Township Community Foundation raised over \$130,000 for us to assist our residents affected financially because of Covid-19.
- Community members, including all of you, donated food and money so that we could assist their neighbors even more during the pandemic.
- We became a closer partner with Leelanau Senior Services and assisted more seniors than ever with food and financial assistance.
- We have our country's flag flying proudly from our flag pole.
- We helped over 490 individuals have a Merry Christmas through our Leelanau Holiday Program where we distributed thousands of toys and hundreds of gift cards.
- We accepted the challenge from Cherry Republic to gift \$10,000 of their money to 20 deserving families.
- Volunteers and donors did all this and more! You did this!

Thank you for being there for us and for our Leelanau County neighbors in need. May you all have a blessed year!

Mary Stanton
Executive Director

Food Pantry • Neighborhood Assistance Ministry (Financial Assistance)
Blessings in a Backpack • Baby Pantry • Samaritans' Closet (Resale Store)