



Feeding the Hungry ~ Housing the Homeless

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Attn: Editor

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the COOL Ministries Board of Directors and staff, I wish to acknowledge the support of The Help Them to Hope, Inc. Fund and all their supporters and donors for providing funding to our organization in 2019. We are blessed to receive the support of the Lake County News-Sun and community neighbors in our mission of feeding the hungry, and housing the homeless in the Lake County community. It is with heartfelt gratitude that we accept this donation to support individuals and families who depend on our services daily.

COOL Ministries operates the largest and oldest emergency food pantry in the community. The goal of our food pantry program is to stretch the resources of those who struggle daily to provide the basic needs for their families. In 2019 the COOL Food Pantry provided food to 45,858 individuals in 16,628 households, each receiving four days (twelve meals) worth of food equaling 550,296 meals. We distributed a total of 1,145,530 pounds of food last year, roughly 96% at no cost to COOL Ministries.

The COOL Family Housing Program is a self-sufficiency for homeless families with children. Our target population is homeless families with children who demonstrate the potential to obtain permanent housing within twelve months. The goal of the COOL Family Housing Program is to provide a safe and secure environment where homeless families with children can make lifestyle changes in order to ensure personal growth, healing, and self-sufficient living. The COOL Family Housing Case Manager guides families in transitioning from homelessness to self-sufficiency. We own and maintain ten scattered site housing units. In 2019 we provided shelter and services to twenty-one families comprised of twenty-four adults and forty-seven children.

The staff at COOL Ministries works hard to continue providing the highest level of services to those who seek our assistance. The donations we receive from community partners like The Help Them to Hope, Inc. fund makes it possible. We truly could not do what we do without community support.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mindy Lindholm".

Mindy Lindholm
Executive Director
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