Operations Board Report  May 2019 – By Kathy Moe

In May:
- Thrift Store May sales $22,480.67. **$2793.46 increase from this month last year. $15K YTD over last year.**
- Postal Food Drive – 19,424 pounds of food!
- 11 new volunteers started.
- Total households served 819.
- Total individuals served 2512.
- Total pounds of food served 73,245
- 1258 children served through the HOPE Meals for Kids Backpack Program.
- Summer program for Backpack Program will start on June 28th.
- $55K awarded to the Backpack program from the United Way.
- New 3 door refrigerator purchased for the Backpack program.
- Issaquah Food Bank field Trip.
- Volunteer Process Improvement Committee met May 16th.
- Presentation of $2500 check from RE/MAX Community Chest for Warm Coats for Kids.
- Hope Against Hunger raised $8750 towards our goal of $45,000

Future Events and To Do’s
- A Simple Gesture June 8th.
- Working to Secure Big Red Bus for Fall Coat Drive.
- Secure Storage Location For Coats.
- Client night at the Thrift Store – June 26th
- Super Senior Spree at the Thrift Store – June 19th

Facility To Do’s
- Pressure wash and paint buildings including Grabill $10K - $25K
- Generator purchase $20K doesn’t include electrical – we have a grant designated for this $25,000
- Baler purchase $8K – under consideration but other alternatives being looked at.
- Shipping Container for Thrift Store purchase/rent $3400.
- Cleaning and reseal of Food Bank floors $6K.
- Cleaning and reseal of the Thrift Store floors – no quote yet.
- Fix pot holes in gravel lot – no bid yet
- Keyless Entry – no bid yet
- Air Conditioning Grabill $6-$7K & Food Bank $13 - $16K
- LED lighting for entire building OR Solar – no bid yet
- Grocery Style Model Shopping – tiered roll out, estimate to follow

Thrift Store
Another great month for the thrift store! The thrift store is currently $15,287 ahead of where they were last year. Upcoming events for the Thrift Store will be Super Senior Spree on June 11th for the local senior community – 50% discount on all items in the store. June 19th they will be hosting “It’s 5 O’clock Somewhere” for their valued customers. This is a first time event to see if our best customers are hooked. This will be held after hours 5p to 6p. June 26th will Client night where any Food Bank client can shop after hours with a 75% discount.

Volunteers
11 new volunteers started in May. The volunteer handbooks are being prepared and a formal volunteer orientation program will launch in July 2019.

Warm Coats for Kids
RE/MAX Community Chest presentation of $2500 on May 7th. Setting up coat drive agenda for the upcoming school year and contacting participating schools. First week of June meetings were held with and Elger Bay Elementary. Working in collaboration with the Backpack program on events for the upcoming school year.

HOPE Meals for Kids Backpack Program
We were able to use grant funds to purchase a new 3 door refrigerator for the program which has freed up space in the cooler at the food bank. Awarded $55,000 grant from United Way starting July 1, 2019. Working with the coalition food banks to create purchasing power to lower the cost of the packs.

HOPE Against Hunger
The fundraising committee for Hope Against Hunger fundraising breakfast has been meeting every other week to work on the event. So far we have secured $8750 in sponsorships and a few businesses have committed however they will be sending in the check at a later date. We are working on obtaining a caterer for the event.

Issaquah Food Bank field trip
Lynne, Kathy and 2 volunteers, Patsy and Judi, went to the Issaquah Food Bank to evaluate their “grocery store model”. It was an excellent experience and gave us a new appreciation for our building. They have great programs that service the area which include a mobile food bank and Grocery to Go program. Both help individuals and families that cannot get to the food bank. We also learned about the new Compass 360 computer system. We are excited to share all the information as we can.