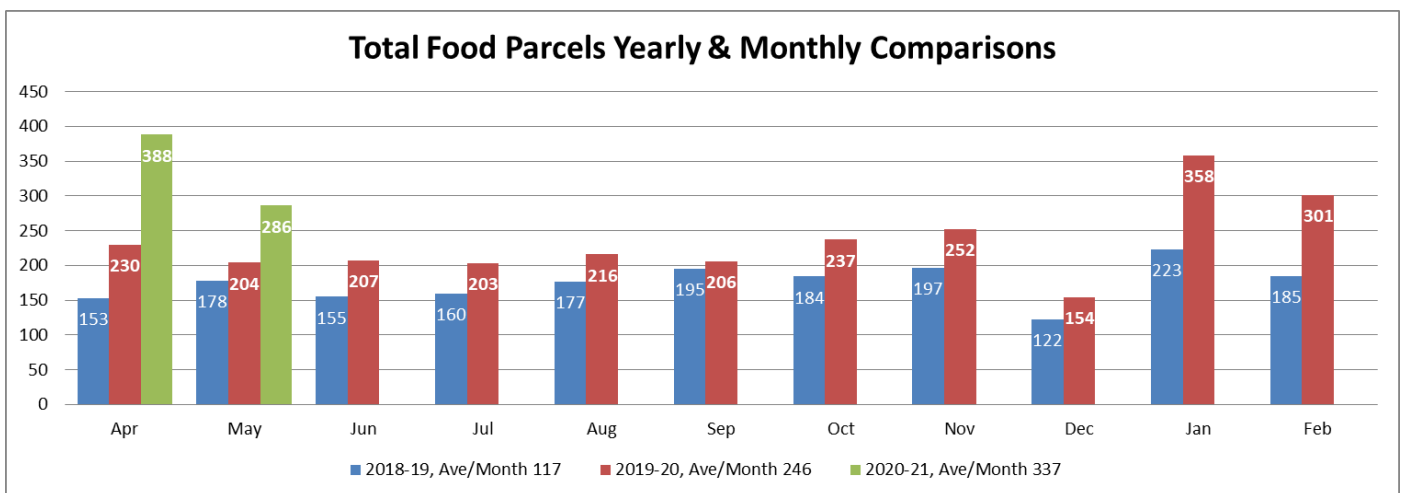




"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat"
[Matthew 25:35]

Serving Jesus in His most distressing disguise

Need Project Report ***May 2020***



Significant drop in referrals for May (286).

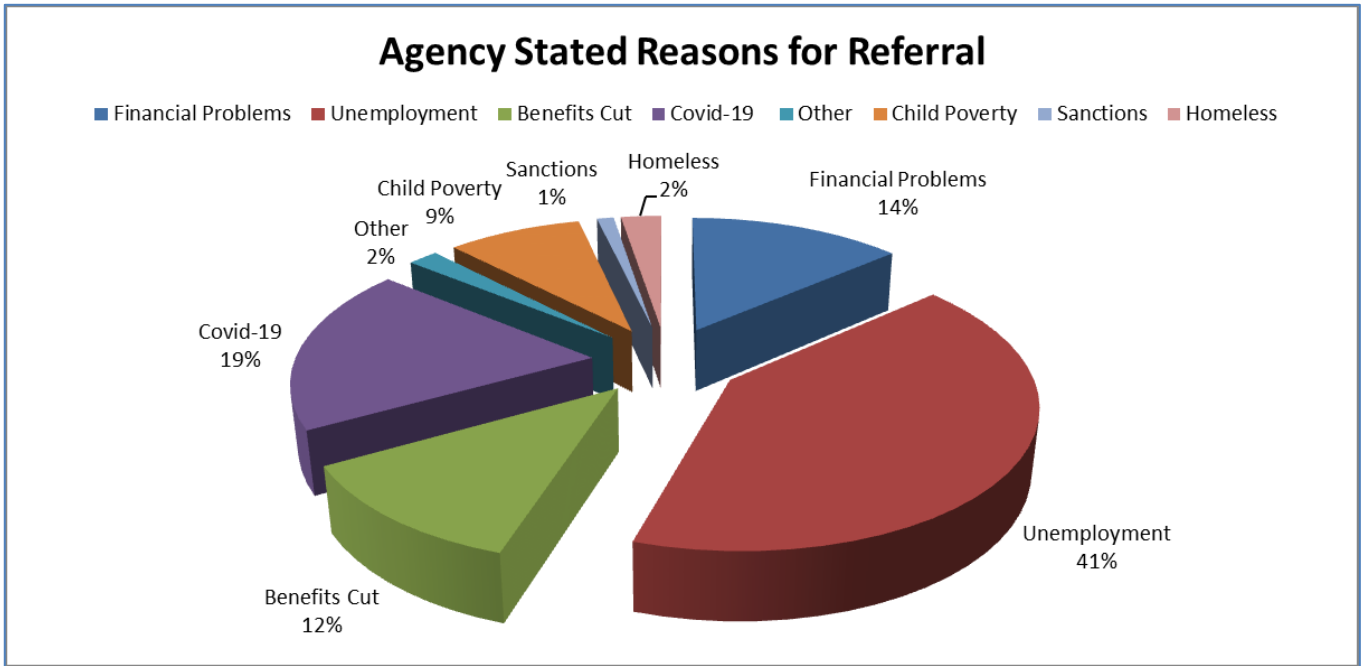
For no known reasons, the number of referrals dropped considerably during the month, especially towards the end of the month. Obviously not because people were away on holidays. We just hope that people in need are not being missed and going without food.

The agencies and partners that most of our referrals came from are:

Grand Union	NHS	Herts	Cent Beds	CAB	Child'n Cent's (Cent Beds)
20	18	40	58	8	21

There were over 140 from other agencies and organisations.

Statistics



We changed the way data was collected to count referrals that identified Covid-19 as a direct cause. Many of the unemployed were likely due to being locked down, although not noted or reported.

Hubs Summary	Total to Date	Monthly Average
Flitwick	76	38
Sandy	156	78
Stotfold	119	60
Shefford	76	38
Biggleswade	75	38
Marston	23	12
Out of Area	149	75
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Total value to date at £54 per parcel	£ 36,396.00	Christmas Parcels at £70 per parcel	£ -
Total value this month at £54 per parcel	£ 15,444.00	Overall Total Year from April to Date	£ 36,396.00

Children	Age 0-4	Age 5-10	Age 11-17	Adults	Total
Totals (yr)	339	311	223	1035	1908
Christmas	0	0	0	0	0

Isn't it good that some make a special point to say thank you:
Messages received this month:

Hello, just to let you know that your food parcel brought a HUGE smile to my children's faces with all the little treats in there! Thank you ever so much for your amazing and kind help you have given us. And in such a horrible pandemic at the moment you guys are still delivering hope to people that are in need and that to us is so heart-warming! THANK YOU! Keep safe and stay well. All our love X

Thank you so much we really appreciate the food more than I can tell you.

The little treats bring a huge smile to my little boys face. Thank you

Furniture, Furnishings and White Goods

Items			Actual items includes		
White goods	3	£ 210.00	Cookers	1	£ 80.00
Beds	11	£ 370.00	Fridges/freezers	2	£ 50.00
Bedroom furniture	2	£ 55.00	Suites/sofas	1	£ 80.00
Lounge furniture	2	£ 100.00	Washing machines	1	£ 80.00
Misc & baby equip	0	£ 100.00	Microwaves	0	£ -
Bedding	4	£ 40.00	TV's / DVD players	1	£ 30.00
Estimated value		£ 875.00	Estimated value		£ 320.00

Tot Est Value for Month	£875
Tot Est Value Year to date	£ 1,192.00

Despite restrictions due to the lock-down in both the number of items donated and the logistics of delivery, we have been able to supply some white goods during May. At the time of writing, we don't have any white goods available, but this can change at any time.

There's a Cost.

None of this could happen without funds so we are actively seeking funds through grants and donations.

Would you consider donating something on a regular basis? If you can and are willing, please let our Administrator (Dave Marchant) know and he will tell you how to do it e-mail:

admin@theneedproject.co.uk .

Our objectives

To relieve persons in Central Bedfordshire and the surrounding area that are in poverty or financial hardship in such ways as the Trustees from time to time think fit, in particular, but not exclusively by:

1. Providing food parcels to support individuals and families who are experiencing food deprivation.
2. Providing other items to meet immediate and essential needs, as resources allow.
3. Developing other forms of support to meet immediate need and alleviate financial hardship.

Our values

We are a Christian organisation motivated by Jesus' teaching on poverty and injustice. We operate according to Christian principles of compassion, honesty, integrity, openness, kindness and care of all people, regardless of backgrounds or beliefs (or none). We are passionate about inclusion and being non-judgemental is central to what we do. We believe that everyone has the right to have food on their plate, dignity, skills, a chance to work and hope for the future.

Please pass this report on to anyone who would be interested in the work of the Need Project.

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