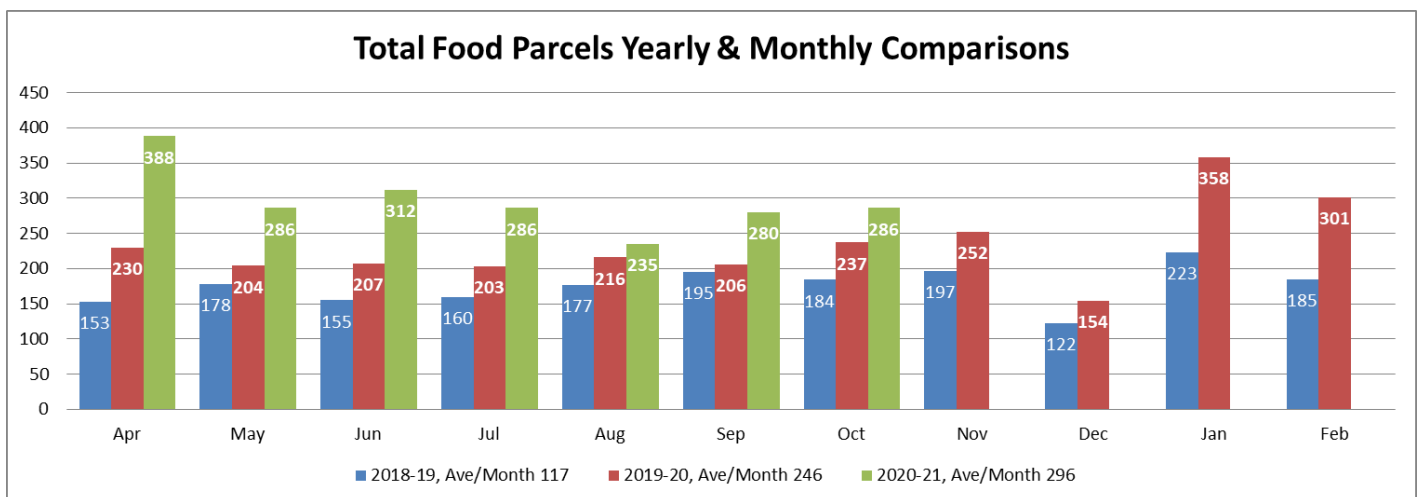




"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat"
[Matthew 25:35]

Serving Jesus in His most distressing disguise

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In addition we supplied 100 top-up lunch bags and 250 breakfast bags to schools to help feeding children during the half term holidays (estimated value of £3k). We also give food 2 or 3 times a week to 'Feed Up Warm Up', a charity in Stevenage and also to a church outreach. Not just a food delivery service.

THE NEED PROJECT CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2020

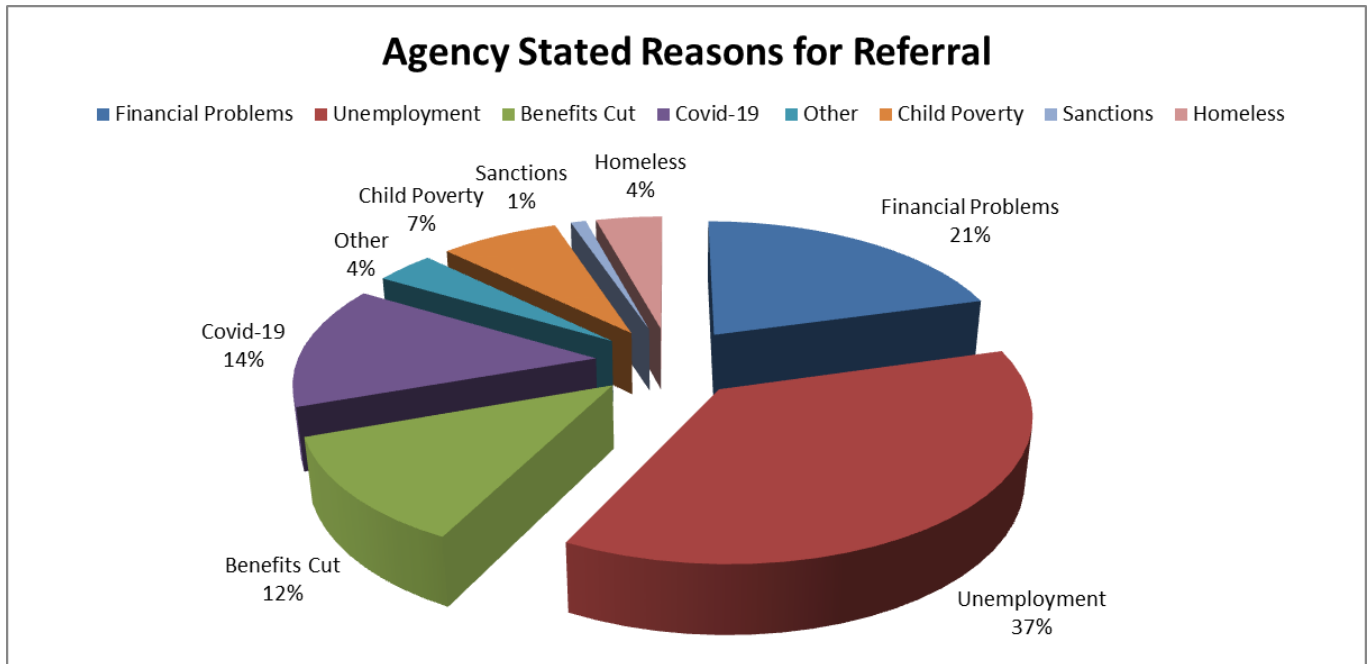
Things are very busy at The Need Project this year as we prepare for Christmas with the challenges of COVID-19 meaning less staff, difficult and changing circumstances and increased demand.

Sponsor a Christmas package - If you would like to sponsor a package for a needy family this Christmas, you can donate from as little as £10. A typical package costs between £50-£75 depending on the size of the family. **See more on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/theneedproject>**

Christmas 2020

Details of how and when to give us referrals for Christmas will be sent out towards within the next two days. You will be able to send Christmas referrals as soon as you receive the information, and none after the cut-off date of 10th December.

Statistics



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)
25	14	39	41	4	25

Other agencies that sent us referrals, but not counted specifically include schools, job centres, welfare organisations, charities and churches.

Hubs Summary	Total to Date	Monthly Average
Flitwick	250	36
Sandy	507	72
Stotfold	297	42
Shefford	234	33
Biggleswade	229	33
Marston	70	10
Out of Area	488	70
	2075	

Total value to date at £54 per parcel	£ 111,942.00	Christmas Parcels at £70 per parcel	£ -
Total value this month at £54 per parcel	£ 15,444.00	Overall Total Year from April to Date	£ 111,942.00

Children	Age 0-4	Age 5-10	Age 11-17	Adults	Total
Totals (yr)	1060	899	733	3141	5833
Christmas	0	0	0	0	0

“Hi Gordon and the wonderful ladies that helped me this morning at short notice . I was given so much food and other items for a family I am working with. This is the third family you have helped me with and words can not express my thanks. The families have also been so grateful for your kindness. With grateful thanks L” - Health visitor in North Herts

Furniture, Furnishings and White Goods

Items			Actual items includes		
White goods	4	£ 230.00	Cookers	0	£ -
Beds	28	£ 1,025.00	Fridges/freezers	1	£ 50.00
Bedroom furniture	10	£ 265.00	Suites/sofas	3	£ 260.00
Lounge furniture	16	£ 465.00	Washing machines	2	£ 160.00
Misc & baby equip	15	£ 160.00	Microwaves	1	£ 20.00
Bedding	20	£ 112.00	TV's / DVD players	5	£ 150.00
Estimated value		£ 2,257.00	Estimated value		£ 640.00

Tot Est Value for Month	£ 2,492.00
Tot Est Value Year to date	£ 6,649.00

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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