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Hello from Blessed Beginnings!

Wow! What a crazy few months it has been! 26 baskets donated since October, bringing our 2022 total to 50! Since our start in 2021, we have donated 70 baskets! This would not have been possible without the help from YOU! So, Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Here's what we've been up to in the last few months:

As we continue to partner with Safe Berks in Reading, Schuylkill Hope Center in Pottsville, Beyond the Violence in Berwick, and Aspire to Autonomy in Bethlehem, we have also added 2 new organizations! On October 21st we made our 1st donation of 6 baskets to Hannah's Hope in Reading and on December 23rd we made our 1st donation of 9 baskets to Turning Point of Lehigh Valley in Allentown. Both organizations love what we are about and appreciate the support as they help their clients start over.

On October 15th we were invited to speak with the women's group at Fleetwood Bible Church and share our organization in depth with the ladies there. They donated 91 items and assisted us in personalizing some of the Bibles we include in our baskets.

On November 16th, the Hamburg HS Girls Basketball Team volunteered to help us put baskets together. We had a great turnout and were able to complete 12 baskets! It was great to see young ladies willing to take a night to help do something for someone in need. Keep up the great work ladies!

On December 4th we joined the Winterfest event at the Schools Side Plaza in Leesport. We sold baked goods to help raise money to make some upgrades to our space where we store and assemble baskets, as well as get the word out about Blessed Beginnings! We raised \$900 and collected several items to put into baskets! This amount will cover most of what we want to do in phase 1 of our shed update and we are so excited about it! Thank you to those who baked yummy treats for us to sell! It wouldn't have been a success without you.



Over the summer, Erica and Jordan started a fundraiser “Flushed by Blessed Beginnings”. Some of our Friends and Family received either a blue or purple toilet in their yard and would pay to have it removed. They also had the option to forward it to a person of their choosing. These toilets are now known as John and Jane...Then came the idea to have a “Little John”, a little blue toy toilet decorated the same as John. Erica took it to her workplace and put it on her coworkers' desks (after receiving permission of course) to raise funds and awareness.



John and Jane have raised \$1,245 in a few short months, and “Little John” raised \$725, bringing our toilet fundraiser total to \$1970! That’s the cost of 14 baskets! So, to those who have had it... Thank you! And if you haven’t been “Flushed” yet...they may make their appearance again next year! A special Thanks to WORLD Electronics and its employees for participating! Your support is greatly appreciated!

Because of you, our faithful donors, 70 baskets with wish list items have been assembled and donated since our start in 2021. 70 families received the word of God and 70 families got a new start with hope and an army of people praying for them. We are so thankful that God continues to provide for every need we have, and we are so thankful for each one of you.

We can’t wait to see what 2023 brings!

Thank you for your continued support,

The Blessed Beginnings Team

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