

Works of Mercy Project

Feeding the Hungry and Praying for the Living and the Dead

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Corporal Work of Mercy: Feed The Hungry

For my Corporal Work of Mercy, I teamed up with Wyatt and Brenna and we chose feed the hungry. We stood outside of Shoprite and asked customers if they could help donate food. Then on their way out, they dropped off a few select non-perishable items into a cart, which we transferred into my car totalling over 1300 lbs of groceries. By the time the three hours were up, we had completely filled up my Mom's car from the back of the trunk, to the driver's seat. We all had a great time doing the project and most importantly we were able to help those who are hungry in Hunterdon County. Matter of fact, we were able to collect 1,325 lbs of non perishable food for the homeless and hungry. That is over a half a ton of food.

Pictures of of the donated groceries filling the entire back half of my car.



A nice lady at Open Cupboard counted up the weight of every load and she added it up to be 1057 lbs of food in our car alone plus the 268 lbs in the back of Brenna's car.

Open Cupboard ICS Works of Mercy Project

15	20
17	22
23	22
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19	(105) lbs of Groceries
27	
19	318.82 Shoprite Card
17	\$121 Cash
36	
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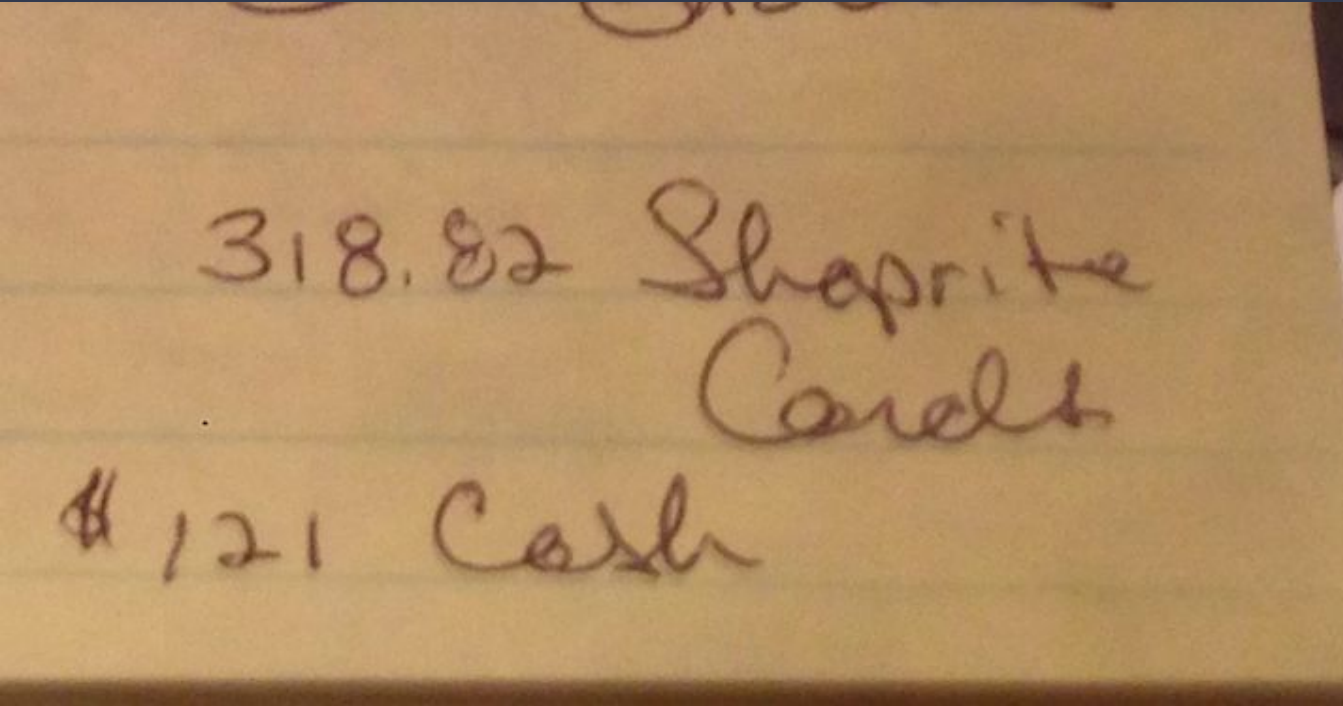
AT Brenna's Weight Feb 25, 2018

30	15
34	17
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We also received \$318.82 worth of shoprite gift cards, and \$121 in cash.

A photograph of a piece of lined paper with handwritten text in brown ink. The text is arranged in two lines. The first line reads "318.82 Shoprite Cards" and the second line reads "\$121 Cash". The handwriting is cursive and somewhat informal. The paper is slightly aged and has horizontal lines.

318.82 Shoprite
Cards

\$121 Cash

(Zoomed in picture of the sheet of paper in the previous photo)

Concluding Thoughts

Collecting food for the Open Cupboard was truly a wonderful experience to take part in. I was inspired by the amount of food and money people donated. Shoppers were giving so much, it weighed down my Mom's car (1057 lbs). Not only was the generosity of the Hunterdon community inspiring but to see the inner workings of the Open Cupboard was amazing. When my mom and I dropped off the groceries at the food bank, there were shelves reaching up to the ceiling, stacked full of food. It may seem like this world is a dangerous place with criminals around every corner, but for every criminal, there are two or three kind human beings willing to give many meals to those who can't afford them.

Spiritual Work of Mercy: Pray for the living and the dead

For our spiritual work of mercy, my mom drove AJ, Wyatt and me to the ICS church with rosaries to pray for the living and the dead. This was during the power outage, so we decided to pray for those who had no power. We prayed one decade, and then we went to the cemetery to pray for the people there. It was really moving to see all the people who were there, and to see that some of them had been veterans, or were really young. We went around and found specific graves to pray over.

Picture of us in church



Pictures of us at the cemetery



Concluding thoughts

This activity was also very touching. We were able to be in the peace and quiet of the church, praying for people we had never met, and we were also able to pray for those who had died before their loved ones had. It was moving to see the graves of young people. There was even one of an infant who had been alive for 61 minutes. It reminded me that there are those people who have died, and that their loved ones still feel the loss very much.