

Food Ministry Report – 2021 Annual Meeting 2/6/2022

In April 2020, in response to the Covid 19 pandemic, we temporarily changed the way we distributed food from “in person client pickup” at the church to a “door step” home delivery model. This greatly reduced the person to person contact and enabled us to continue operation. We continued using the “delivery” method the entire 2021 year.

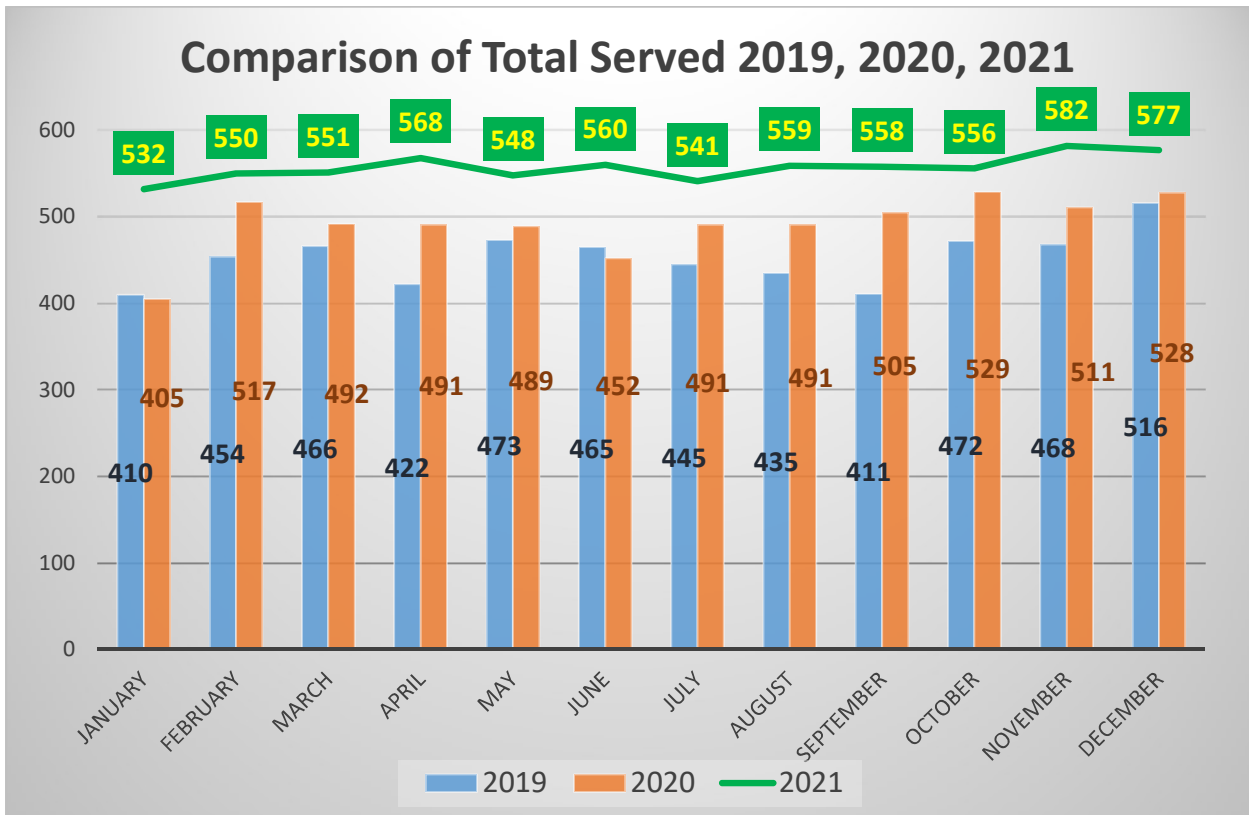
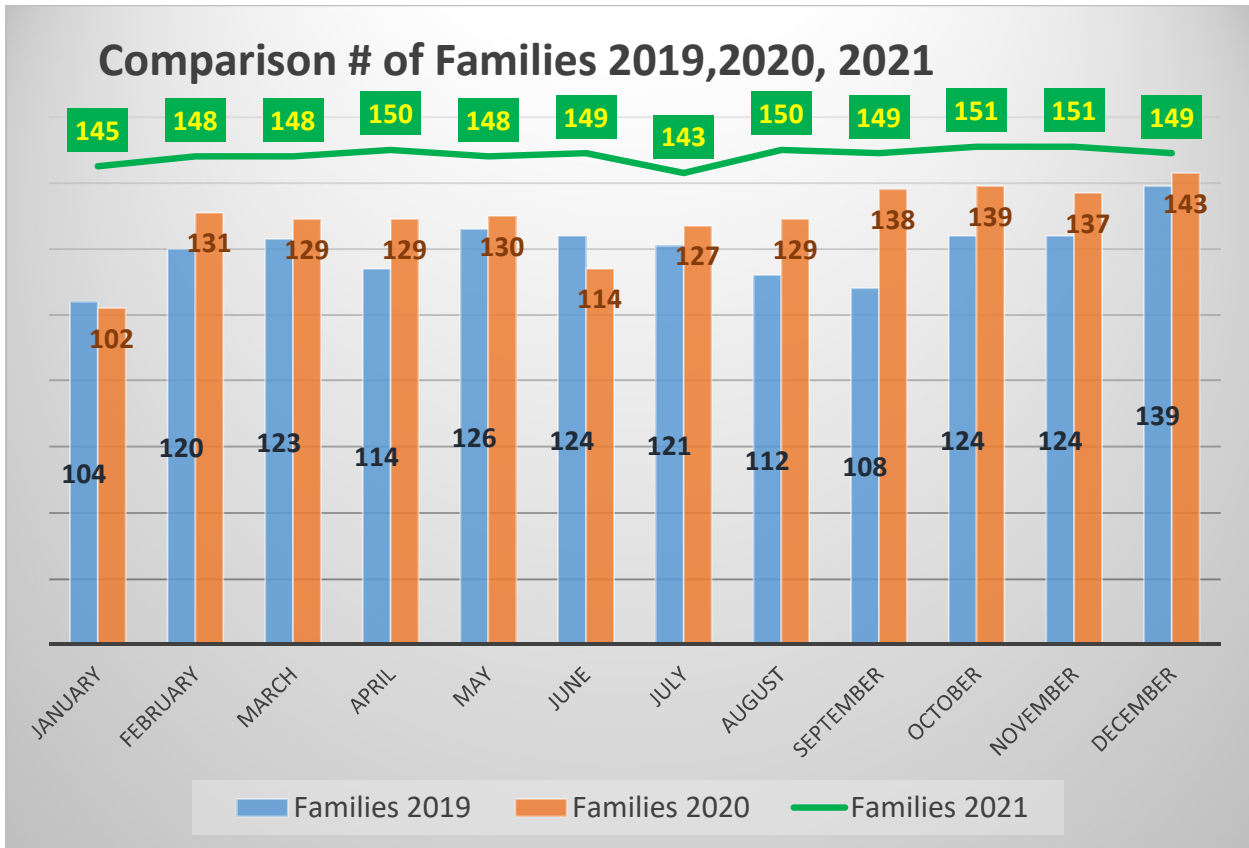
Our partnership with the Hot Meal Sunday team (AKA Chuy’s Friends) to supply meat and other food items at no cost was suspended in April 2020 and remained in that status throughout 2021. We hope to resume this partnership once the pandemic is brought under control.

Despite the pandemic and the change in our delivery model, 2021 was a banner year in which we broke all recent records in:

1. Average number of families served per month in 2021 was 148. Compared to 129 in 2020 and 120 in 2019, 2021 increased 15% over 2020 and 24% over 2019.
2. Total household members fed in 2021 was 6,682. Compared to 5,901 in 2020 and 5,437 in 2019, 2021 exceeded 2020 and 2019 by 17% and 23% respectively
3. Cost of food per person in 2021 was \$0.21. This remarkable decrease from 2020’s \$0.86 and 2019’s \$1.06 was made possible by an abundance of free food bags provided by the Brownsville Wellness Coalition and no cost food items available from the Food Bank of the RGV.
4. Pounds of food provided to each person in 2021 is estimated to be equal to 11.9 lbs.* Compared to 11.27 lbs. in 2020 and 11.70 lbs. in 2019, 2021 exceeded 2020 and 2019 by 6% and 2% respectively.

** Includes purchased food and 150 25 lb. food bags per month (January through October) provided for free by the Brownsville Wellness Coalition.*

Graphs below compare the Food Ministry’s progress over the past three years.
(For more detailed reports, contact Mike Hale)



2021 was a very good year and it would not have been possible without the support of the Vestry, our donors and the dedication and hard work of our volunteers listed below.

2021 Food Pantry Volunteers:

Leslie Arnim	Kathy Harding	Wesley Reed
Carol Berryman	Ed Haught	Anne Rentfro
Jack Berryman	Wendy Haught	Daniel Rentfro
Lynn Black	Teresa Hoskins	Alicia Roberts
Sara Black	Daniel Jaime	Paul Rudnik
Val Champion	Lynda Jaramillo	Kathy Schwartz
Judy Coyne	Michelle Jimenez	Armando Silva
Kim Cromack	David Longoria	Betty Swantner
Meredith Duran	Thessla Luna	Robert Swantner
Betty Fisher	Alex Marquez	Cruz Torres
Larry Fisher	Blanca Marquez	Greg Vail
Michael Hale	Karol McNair	Nery Vail
Virginia Hale	Susan Parker	Marilyn White
Jack Harding	Carol Reed	

A special thanks to our Sexton Brigido Jaime who can always be counted on to re-arrange his schedule to help out.

Thanks to all that make this ministry possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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