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FELLOWSHIP of ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS UNITED to SERVE

Volunteers, donors, and partners make 2017 a strong year, with many lives touched.

Youth inspire their friends to serve children in their own community.

SERVE

A NEWSLETTER OF FOCUS NORTH AMERICA

SPRING 2018



**Building healing
relationships
through service**

FOOD OCCUPATION CLOTHING UNDERSTANDING SHELTER

A little over a year ago, Beck and Keaton, two high-schoolers from Columbus, Ohio volunteered at a FOCUS Columbus program that provides prepared, nutritious meals and fun activities for under-nourished children.

Like many of our volunteers, Beck and Keaton were inspired by their interactions and friendships with the children we serve, and wanted to do more.

Beck and Keaton reflect what FOCUS Columbus coordinator, Nathan Smith, calls the “untapped Christian goodwill” of people who are afraid or do not know how to get involved with serving the poor in their community. By providing concrete opportunities, FOCUS is able to tap into that goodwill with thousands of volunteers around the country.



Beck and Keaton continued to volunteer and brought along members of their high school lacrosse team to serve and play with the children. Then, they spoke to their lacrosse coach and got the team involved in raising money to **provide a family of nine, whom FOCUS serves, with a Christmas tree, gifts, and winter clothing.** The young men’s mothers were so inspired by their sons that they also fundraised to provide emergency rent assistance for another family that was struggling to make ends meet...

WITH YOUR SUPPORT WE ACCOMPLISHED SO MUCH IN 2017



Food

299,923

Meals served & distributed



Occupation

3,745

Total hours worked in FOCUS reemployment programs



Clothing

94,975

Clothing items given



Understanding

10,665

Volunteers



Shelter

over 13,582

Individual nights spent in a FOCUS shelter

*Impact statistics are unaudited

Many times, the greatest service we can provide is genuine love and friendship. Like Beck and Keaton’s friends and family whom they inspired to get involved in service, we hope you’ll be inspired to get involved and see your neighbors as icons of Christ too. **Learn how you can be involved by giving us a call or send us an email!**



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YOUTH SERVICE TRIPS THIS SPRING:

Jacksonville, FL

March 16-18

Los Angeles, CA

March 16-18

Dallas, TX

March 16-18

Memphis, TN

April 13-15

Austin, TX

April 20-22

Newport News, VA

April 28



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