

*Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year*



*From Your Friends at
Community Emergency Service*

Dear Friends,

As this year comes to a close, our hearts are filled with gratitude for the many blessings the Lord has bestowed on the work of CES to those in need in South Minneapolis, as well as the new work He has given us this year in North Minneapolis with our Meals on Wheels program. As we conclude this year, let me highlight a few landmarks:

- Our **Meals on Wheels** program more than doubled in size this year to serve over 325 homebound seniors per day with a hot or frozen prepared meal. We are now the largest Meals on Wheels program in Minnesota.
- Our **Home Delivery** (mobile food shelf) program sustained over 300 home bound clients who received monthly food, free of charge. However nearly 160 people are still on a waiting list.
- The weekly food distribution to our **East African** clients continued to expand and a separate Thursday morning distribution time for these clients was established.
- With the wonderful growing season this year, we received a record amount of fresh produce, which was distributed through our **Bonus Friday** distribution.
- Our partnerships with many Metro area **congregations** have continued and new contacts have been established as well.
- A new professional **Director of Development**, Chris Nelson, with over seven years of Development experience started in January 2015. Chris helped create a new and greater focus on resource development so we can continue to expand our efforts.
- A new part time **Volunteer Coordinator**, Melanie LaPointe, was added in an effort to increase volunteer engagement and improve the volunteer experience.
- We have affirmed our commitment to provide a **relationship based experience for our neighbors** in need by giving them a greater connection with a one on one caring experience.

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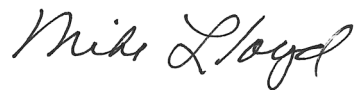
***May you be blessed as you continue to partner with
Community Emergency Service***

The Lord has blessed our efforts and we rely by faith on His provision. Our financial support comes from many sources, but most importantly, it is the support of people like you and our 40 + congregational partners that make this ministry possible.

With 2015 coming to a close, won't you remember the work of CES with a generous year end gift to help us continue to minister to the poor, elderly, disabled and homebound of South Minneapolis and now North Minneapolis?

May God richly bless you in the year ahead!

Merry Christmas,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Lloyd". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mike Lloyd

CES is an independent 501 (c)3 and ninety percent of every gift goes directly to serving those in need!