

August 2021

Serving children at Goodview, Huddleston, Moneta, and Montvale Elementary Schools

FOOD FOR KIDS

Weekend Pack-A-Sack Program



Friday, August 20, 2021



Hickory Hill Vineyards and Winery will be hosting a **Charity Cheers Event** benefiting **FOOD FOR KIDS** on **Friday, August 20, 2021**. Gates will open at **6:00 p.m.** with music by the ever-popular **Boomer Band** from **6:30-9:30 p.m.** Bring your own chair/blanket and picnic food, if desired. Wine will be available for sale. **Tickets are \$25, available on-line ONLY at smlwine.com.** **All gate fees and 10% of wine sales will go to Food For Kids!**

Food For Kids has been blessed during the 2020-2021 school year to work with Feeding Southwest Virginia (FSWVA). We have been able to purchase food items at a lower price and we have received several grants of food from FSWVA. Large corporations make grants to FSWVA and those grants are passed on to local feeding programs like Food For Kids. We look forward to continuing that relationship in the coming school year.



God blessed our ministry in many ways this past year. Because of the Covid virus, we realized we would need a larger space to pack the bags and to keep everyone safe. Space in Downtown Moneta was made available to us for a nominal cost. Our food sources became erratic, and a relationship with Feeding Southwest Virginia helped not only with supply, but with cost. As a result, we were able to put more food in the bags this past year. The fifth graders and some of the fourth graders were moved to Staunton River Middle School. We were able to solve the logistics to make bags available to those children. When a need arose, a way was provided. Sadly, we lost contact with about a third of the children we had been serving before Covid. As we start the new school year, we hope, and are planning to again serve these children. God is good, all the time!

The SML Civitans are hosting their 7th Annual Golf Tournament on **September 24, 2021** at the Copper Cove Golf Club. **Food For Kids** was selected as one of the non-profits to receive proceeds from this event. Check out our Facebook page for the complete flier. Thank you Civitans!



A few recent grants and donations we would like to recognize are:



The Edgar A. Thurman
Charitable Foundation for Children



Virginia State Safety Council, Inc.

Pictures from the last packing of the 2020-2021 school year on May 21, 2021



We would like to extend another heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all of the individuals, churches, businesses and organizations that helped us make it through the last school year.

Please join the Food For Kids Organization in welcoming a new member to our board, Brenda Hamilton. Brenda has been an integral part of our packing team for the past 4 years since she moved here in 2017. She was invited by members of her church and neighborhood to participate in packing and has been hooked ever since! **WELCOME** to the **FOOD FOR KIDS** board!

A WAY TO HELP (and maybe reduce your taxes!) **Qualified Charitable Distributions**

Would you like to take the required minimum distribution from your IRA and not have to pay taxes on those dollars AND help feed food insecure children at the same time? If so, we have an option for you. You can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA and give that money to **FOOD FOR KIDS** and not pay income tax on the distribution. If you are interested, please contact Carolyn Kidd, Food For Kids' Treasurer at carolyn.kidd@gmail.com.

OTHER WAYS TO HELP

As always, monetary donations are welcome. Our estimated cost to support one child is **\$9 a week, \$36 a month or \$324 a year**. Donations may be mailed to the address below, or made securely through **PayPal** on our website or Facebook page. **FOOD FOR KIDS** is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization.

Groups and organizations can consider having a collection drive for peanut butter or other selected food item. Contact Jeanette Overstreet at (540) 871-6336 to receive more information on group collections.

Also, we are still active participants of Kroger Community Rewards (participant #93093 or FL894) and AmazonSmile (Food For Kids, Bedford, VA). Both of these programs are free to join and participate in.

Keep an eye out for more information on the **All Good Things Christmas Market** – Kids helping Kids. **November 27, 2021**
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.



Food For Kids is looking for an alternate packing space in the event our current location is sold and we have to move. If you know of any available location that may fit our needs and is available for a nominal amount, please let us know through one of our board members or through one of the avenues below. (Email, website or Facebook).



We are so very thankful for the space that Gil and Karen Smith have provided for our packing and storage. Their partnership has been such a blessing to us.

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We would like to extend a big **THANK YOU** to some of our local churches for their monetary donations: Main Street UMC, New Prospect Church and Patmos UMC. We would also like to thank some of our peanut butter donors: Cool Springs Pentecostal Church, Main Street UMC, and Quaker Baptist. **THANK YOU!**

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