

Serving children at Goodview, Huddleston, Moneta, and Montvale Elementary Schools
and Staunton River Middle School

September
2022

FOOD FOR KIDS

Weekend Pack-A-Sack Program



Upcoming Events:

**September 30,
2022**



(Photo courtesy of SML Boomer Band)

Hickory Hill Vineyards and Winery will be hosting a **CHARITY CHEERS 3 EVENT** on **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**. 100% of the ticket price, 10% of wine sales, and all band proceeds will be donated to **FOOD FOR KIDS**.

Bring a lawn chair and picnic. Enjoy the wines of Hickory Hill while singing along with the **SML Boomer Band**.

Tickets are **\$25** each and are limited to 150 sold. Gates open at 6:00 p.m.

For more information or to purchase tickets, go to:
<https://hickory-hill-vineyards-llc.square.site/>

RAINDATE is Sunday, October 2 at 1:00 p.m.



Another **UPCOMING EVENT** is the **All Good Things Christmas Market** at The Mayhew Farm on **Saturday, November 26, 2022** 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

This is a Christmas Market where all things are made and sold by kids! The kids will also be collecting food and donations for **FOOD FOR KIDS**.

It is truly an event you will enjoy attending!



It's that time of year again, **BAG PACKING TIME!** We began packing bags for this school year on Thursday, September 8, 2022. As we begin this new year, we want to again take a moment to thank all of our supporters! No matter how large or how small EVERY donation we receive helps us to reach our goal of alleviating food insecurity for our local school children and they are all appreciated! Last school year, we packed over 12,000 food bags for elementary and middle school children (weekly average elementary of 346 and 30 for middle school). For this school year, we anticipated having an increase throughout the year to 425 bags per week for elementary schools. We have already reached that number at our first packing! We begin packing for Staunton River Middle School on Thursday, October 6, 2022 and will report those numbers in our next newsletter.

Please join us in welcoming our newest board member, who also happens to be one of our original board members from 2015. Janet Carter has returned to our board after taking a short break. Even though Janet took a break from the Board of Directors, she still continued to act as our Financial Secretary throughout the entire time.

WELCOME back to the **FOOD FOR KIDS** board!

As a non-profit, our mission is dependent upon the income we receive. We are always grateful for donations from individuals, churches and businesses. However, a large part of our income comes from grants. Our wonderful grant writer, Robyn Holmes, who has now been joined by Bill Hamilton, wrote several grants last year from which we received almost \$48,000! Those grants include: Bedford Community Health Foundation, Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation, Hughes Memorial Foundation, Plymale Foundation, Presbytery of the Peaks 2 Cents a Meal Grant, Al Stroobants Foundation, Edgar A. Thurman Charitable Foundation for Children, and Virginia United Methodist Foundation Micah 6:8 Grant.

As a result of the efforts of community members, we've also received donations and grants from Bank of the James, Bedford Helping Hands, Bedford Women's Club, Bethlehem UMC's Fall Swing Charity Golf Tournament, Magic Beans Silicon Valley Community Foundation, Resurrection CC Joyous Junque, and Virginia State Safety Council.

We would also like to thank American Legion Post 62, Boxley Materials Company, Feeding Southwest VA, Hickory Hill Vineyards, Lake Christian Ministries, Sea Tow SML, Simmons Insurance, SML Boomer Band, SML Civitans, SML Gives, SML Good Neighbors, and The Mayhew Farm All Good Things Christmas Market for their continued support.

WAYS TO HELP

Monetary donations are always welcome. Our estimated cost to support one child is **\$10 a week, \$40 a month** or **\$360 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 one or more of our needed food items. Please contact Lynda Imirie at (540) 493-2117 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.

Consider making a Qualified Charitable Distribution to **FOOD FOR KIDS** if you need to take a required minimum distribution from your IRA. For more info, please contact our Food For Kids' Treasurer at carolyn.kidd@gmail.com.

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Food for Kids – Weekend Pack a Sack Program



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URGENT!

We have an **IMMEDIATE** need for **16 oz. jars** of peanut butter. Please consider having a peanut butter collection or fundraiser at your church or organization. We now need over 400 jars a month!

We were blessed last school year that we did not have to purchase any peanut butter, **all** jars were donated. **Thank you** to all the individuals, churches and local organizations that provided those donations!

For more information, please contact Lynda Imirie at (540)493-2117.