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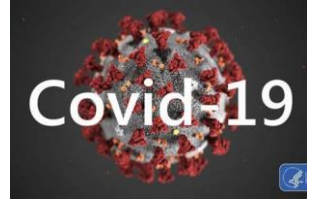
Serving children at Goodview, Huddleston, Moneta, and Montvale Elementary Schools

# FOOD FOR KIDS

## Weekend Pack-A-Sack Program

### Covid-19 Response and Update

We are happy to confirm, despite the crippling effects of COVID-19, we were able to continue to provide bags of weekend meals and snacks for 375 children weekly through the end of the school year in May. The obstacles were many, but by God's grace, each was met and overcome.



As you may know, in mid-March we were forced to drastically change our protocols in order to maintain social distancing and adhere to quarantine restrictions. Our packing station was way too small to accommodate even the smallest number of volunteers.

Without missing a step, nearby Bethlehem United Methodist Church in Moneta offered us the use of their Fellowship Hall, which was standing empty of church activities. Immediately, we moved our inventory and packing station there, allowing 8-10 masked volunteers to prepare weekly bags, while a trio of drivers waited outside to gather the bags for delivery to schools. The bags were then taken to children on and by the school bus routes.

While we relaxed and adapted to this routine, as weeks turned into months, our food suppliers – those from whom we purchase food- began to have difficulty filling our weekly orders. Some weeks, we were forced to go to local food stores and buy hundreds of mac 'n cheese and Chef Boyardee dinners off the shelves to fill our needs. Thankfully, with diligence from the packers, we were able to have enough each week. In the end, we successfully packed and distributed **14,204** bags to food insecure children in the community.

As we look to the coming school year, we anticipate a number of new and continuing challenges. We expect a significant increase in the number of weekend bags requested, due to high unemployment numbers and financially stretched families. We are in immediate need of a larger packing room, as we are concerned for the safety of our volunteers in the close quarters of our old facility. We are waiting to hear what plans will be adopted by the school board beginning in August/September and how that will impact our preparation and food delivery of food.

Your support is more critical now than ever before! Please continue to keep this ministry in your prayers.





## SML Civitan Cornhole Tournament

**Saturday, August 22, 2020** Rain or Shine

at Ramulose Ridge Vineyards

Registration at 10 a.m., Tournament begins at 11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$40/Team, \$20/Individual

**Prizes!**

Visit our Facebook page to see a full registration form.

**Proceeds of the tournament benefit Food For Kids.**

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## Barn Quilt Raffle

Food For Kids will be raffling off two hand painted Barn Quilts this summer. Keep an eye on our Facebook Page and Web-site for more information.

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### Other Ways to Help



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code is  
**93093** or **FL894**

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### Donations

We would like to thank all of our recent donors and contributors. Now more than ever, your support is crucial to the continuation of our program this fall. For as little as **\$9 a week, \$36 a month** or **\$324 a year**, you can help us continue to provide weekend food bags for food insecure children in our area. Donations may be mailed to our address below, or made directly through our web site.

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Food For Kids would like to welcome two new members to our board: **Bev Heckman** and **Kim Morris**. **WELCOME!**

We would also like to thank our exiting board members for their all their years of wonderful service.

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**Food for Kids – Weekend Pack a Sack Program**



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