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FOOD FOR KIDS

Weekend Pack-A-Sack Program



As our Bedford County students eagerly exit their schools for summer break as their school year ends, we can't help but look back at how richly blessed we have been this past year. Although we are still battling some COVID related and supply chain issues, we were able to provide over 11,400 weekend food bags to food insecure elementary students. We were also able to supply almost 1,000 food bags to students at Staunton River Middle School in our first year serving this school. We would not have had such a successful year without the dedicated support from our communities, our supporters, our board and of course, all of our volunteer packers and drivers. As we begin to prepare for the 2022-2023 school year, please continue to pray for our program and its continued mission to serve food insecure children in our own communities. If anyone is interested in learning how you can help **FOOD FOR KIDS**, check out "Ways to Help" on page 2 or contact us via our contact information on the bottom of page 2. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Thank you for helping to make our first year as part of **SML Gives** a big success! **FOOD FOR KIDS** received donations totaling over **\$6,100** to feed local food-insecure children on the weekends during the school year. It is awesome and humbling to see what a community can do when it works together to help those in need!



F4K board members Lynda Imirie and Carolyn Kidd man a donation help table at the SML Coffee House on the SML Gives Day.



One of our faithful Thursday volunteers, Ade Sims.



Boxley Materials and Handling has been a wonderful supporter of **FOOD FOR KIDS** since we began serving the children at Montvale Elementary School. In the past, they have held peanut butter drives, purchased rolling carts for bag delivery and, two weeks a month they provide volunteers to pick-up and deliver food bags to the school. They also assisted with packing and delivery of bags prior to changes due to covid restrictions. This past Christmas they provided an extra special treat to all of our students who receive food bags. Each student received a full box of Little Debbie Christmas cakes that they could share with their families.

The picture at the left shows Boxley Materials HR Director Lori Baisden (on the right) delivering boxes of Little Debbie Christmas cakes to board members Jeanette Overstreet and Dennis Groenke for our 375 students served that week.



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



The Edgar A. Thurman
Charitable Foundation for Children

The Plymale Foundation

The Hughes Memorial Foundation

Please join the Food For Kids organization in welcoming our two newest board members. Sherri Shadle recently moved to Bedford, Virginia. She is retired, a wife, a mother of 4, and a grandmother of 4. She attends Main Street UMC in Bedford and is involved with Shepherd's Table, MSUMC Blessing Box, and crocheting hats for preemies in Youngstown, Ohio through her previous church. She also belongs to the Blue Ridge Garden Club and enjoys the Peaks of Otter.

Bill Hamilton is our other new board member. Bill spent the first 30 years of his career as a teacher in Fairfax County where he taught sixth grade and wrote science curriculum. He and his wife, Brenda, moved to Smith Mountain Lake from Richmond, Virginia in 2017, where he had recently retired from the United Methodist Family Fellowship as a special education teacher.

WELCOME to the **FOOD FOR KIDS** board! We know together, along with our community, we will do great things to help the food insecure children in our area.

WAYS TO HELP

Monetary donations are always 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 one or more of our needed food items. Please 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.

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.

We would like to thank **Sea Tow SML** for their continued support of Food For Kids. They not only sponsored us for SML Gives, they collected **361** jars of peanut butter during their Striper Mafia Tournament!



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We would like to extend a big **THANK YOU** to some local churches and organizations for their recent peanut butter and food donations: the SML Civitan's, Sea Tow, Cowboy Church, Diamond Hill Baptist, Emmaus UMC, Main Street UMC, Patmos UMC, Quaker Baptist, and Salem UMC.

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