

December 2020

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

# FOOD FOR KIDS

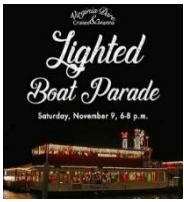
## Weekend Pack-A-Sack Program

### *The 12 Annual Festival of Trees at the Bedford Area Welcome Center*

The Festival of Trees is free to attend and is family friendly. Visitors are encouraged to vote for their favorite tree(s) for only \$1.00/vote and at the conclusion of the event all proceeds will benefit the charitable organizations designated by the businesses that decorated the trees.



We would like to thank the **Edward Jones Offices of Bedford** for the beautiful tree they sponsored to raise money for Food For Kids!



We offer many thanks to the Virginia Dare Lighted Boat Parade and the SML Civitan's for collecting donations of food items for Food For Kids. We literally received a "boat load" of items to pack in the weekend food bags for food insecure elementary children in our area.



The Andy Andrews Memorial Fall Fling Golf Tournament, sponsored by Bethlehem United Methodist Church, was held in October at The Westlake. Food For Kids was one of the \$1,000 charitable recipients. We are grateful to receive this donation.

Food for Kids was recently awarded a \$9,500 grant from the Bedford Community Health Foundation. This grant is certainly appreciated and will definitely be utilized as we continue to serve food insecure elementary students in our community throughout the 2020-2021 school year.



Also, Food For Kids recently received Bedford County Cares Act Grant Funding in the amount of \$10,000. This funding will assist our organization in replacing lost income due to the inability to host our normal fundraising activities during this pandemic. We were unable to host our three Country Breakfasts this summer, or our annual Steel Drum Concert, or a Bluegrass concert that was being planned.

Although our organization has been fortunate to receive some recent grant funding, our ability to continue to serve food insecure children wouldn't be possible without God's blessing and each and every one of you! Community support has been, and will continue to be, the backbone of our organization. Due to the circumstances that many families are experiencing this year, the need to feed food insecure children is greater than ever. Our estimated cost to support one child is **\$9 a week, \$36 a month or \$324 a year**. It is expected that the number of children we serve this school year will increase to up to 400 per week.



**FOOD FOR KIDS** is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. Donations are accepted and appreciated at any time. **Donations may be mailed or made securely through PayPal** on our website or Facebook page.



# BARN QUILT WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of our Barn Quilts. Jeanette Overstreet won the patriotic quilt, and Robyn Holmes won the VT inspired Quilt. We were able to raise **\$886** in ticket sales. Thanks again to Debbie Simmons, of the Simmons Insurance Agency, for hand-painting and donating the barn quilts for raffle.



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "All Good Things" Market was held at the Mayhew Farm in Kelso. So far, Food For Kids has received \$535.00, 66 jars of peanut butter, almost 200 cans of food, 58 servings of mac & cheese and more! **THANK YOU!** to everyone who donated, and especially to the children from the market who wanted to help other children.



## GRAND Home Furnishings

Thanks to Grand Home Furnishings for their recent \$2,000 donation!



We would like to extend a big **THANK YOU** to all of our recent peanut butter donors. Some of those donors are: Emmaus UMC, Main Street UMC, Moneta Elementary School, the All Good Things Market and, the Virginia Dare Lighted Boat Parade.



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### Volunteer Packing Groups

As plans are being made for the packing of bags after the first of the new year, the rise of COVID-19 cases has brought concerns for the continued safety of our volunteers. Toward that end, we will continue to operate with limited, designated packing crews until further notice.

We certainly miss all of our normal packing groups and volunteers! We pray for a time when we can welcome everyone back and return to a regular packing schedule.



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