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Communities In Schools of Randolph County (CISRC) works with the school to identify the students in need. Letters go to the parents/guardians to secure permission for their child to participate.

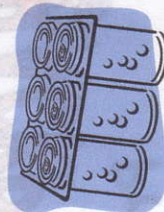
CISRC provides the backpacks, organizes the efforts of volunteers from civic and church groups, secures storage space, and seeks contributions to purchase food.

Similar programs in other areas have had positive impact on students' behavior, attendance, and academic achievement.

We need contributions, either financial or in-kind, for backpacks, food, and storage space. We also need concerned individuals, as well as civic and church groups, to serve as willing volunteers.

Contact Kim Martin or Robin Cox to learn more about the BACK-

PACK PALS program in the Liberty area.



HELP KIDS LIKE KAYLEIGH AND KIMMY...

Kayleigh and Kimmy* live with their mother and an older sibling. Dad is serving time in prison. Mom is doing her best to hold down a steady job and maintain a normal life for her children, but often, there is not enough food for the four of them. The backpacks these girls bring home each Friday help alleviate the strain of providing healthy meals and snacks throughout the weekend. These capable, studious girls are doing well in school. They can concentrate on their studies and improve their grades because they are not worrying about being hungry.
 *not their real names

Current Partners

- Sandy Creek Baptist**
Financial Support
- Shiloh Methodist Church**
Various food items
- Mt. Pleasant Baptist**
Pop Tarts
- Julian Methodist Church**
Applesauce
- Sandy Creek WMU**
Cereal Bars
- Scott Stringfellow**
Greensboro Office
16 Packed Bookbags per week
- Grace Lutheran**
Chefboyardee
- Cindy McPherson**
Crackers for each Book bag,
- Shady Grove Baptist**
Canned Spaghetti Drive
Graduation project of
Katlyn Fields

***These partners are current as of September 28, 2009. We would love to add you to our list of partners.**

TELL ME MORE ABOUT

BACKPACK PALS

Communities In Schools of Randolph County's program to bring weekend meals to students in need.

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

Best time to call _____

I'm interested in (mark all that apply):

Making a cash donation/ Paula Lineberry @Wachovia-Wells Fargo in Liberty can accept for Sandy Creek Backpack Fund

Making a contribution of food or materials

Volunteering my time

A CISRC representative speaking to my group

Other _____

Dear Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and tell you about a ministry that I'm involved in. My name is Kim Martin. I am an active member of Sandy Creek Baptist Church along with my husband Danny. We have 2 children Taylor and Beau. Danny teaches and is the Athletic Director at Providence Grove High School. I work in the medical field and am a Brownie leader in my daughter's Girl Scout troop.

While spending time at Liberty School with our children, it didn't take long to realize there are children who do not get enough to eat when they are not in school. There are many children who receive free or reduced breakfast and lunch at school and some of these children return to school on Monday hungry because there was not enough food in the home to last all weekend. In speaking with the school counselor about this, I was introduced to the Backpack Pals program through Communities In Schools. Their website is: <http://www.cisnet.org/cisrandolph/default.asp>. This is where easy to open/single serving items are put in a special backpack to be taken home with children on Friday and returned empty on Monday. After much prayer, I felt the Lord calling my church to begin a program like this at Liberty School. We began September 2008 with 23 children and as of September 2009 have as many as 58 children who receive a backpack on Friday.

Some of the items that are placed in the backpacks on a regular basis are:

Beanee Weenees	Cereal Bars
Vienna Sausage	Pop Tarts
Peanut Butter Crackers	Granola Bars
Cheese Crackers	Oatmeal
Applesauce/other fruit	Chefboyardee or other canned pasta
Raisins	Pudding

Individually wrapped cookies, brownies, small bags of pretzels, popcorn, etc.
Any single serving cookies, cheese crackers, (such as animal crackers, whales, goldfish)

We do try our best to be discrete and to keep this anonymous. I don't want to know any of the children in the program nor do I want my children to know everything about it. Since my children may potentially be in the classroom with children who receive these backpacks, I felt it best to not divulge all the details to them. My children help me shop for the food and do everything to get it ready except put it in the backpacks. I leave the backpacks at school so they don't see them nor do I ever mention backpacks. I always refer to what we do as the "*food pantry*". They know the food goes to help children but they don't know it goes to their school.

This is a very rewarding ministry and I would like to invite anyone who would like to help to do so. We have never put a limit on the number of children who will be helped. I feel if there is a need, the Lord will provide. We fund this program through donations primarily from our church members. Other churches have become involved by choosing a specific item to provide every week or making a monetary donation. Some of my friends have begun helping as well. You can help by donating items or making a monetary donation too. If anyone would like to donate items, you can call me and I will make arrangements for drop off or pick up. If anyone would like to make a monetary donation you can do so at Wachovia under the account "Sandy Creek Baptist Church Backpack Account" or send a check to the church marked for Backpack Pals. If you do choose to help, I would appreciate you use discretion around children who may attend school with those who receive the backpacks. Although I don't see the children receive these backpacks, I have been told by teachers and staff how excited the children are when they receive their weekend backpack. We want the children receiving the backpacks to continue to have a positive experience, so we feel discretion is invaluable. Please contact me if you would like additional information. This is truly a wonderful ministry and I hope you will choose to participate with us.

Love in Christ,

Kim Martin

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