



BackPack BEGINNINGS

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K5K KIRKWOOD

*Kirkwood 5K Run/Walk/Push benefiting BackPack Beginnings
Saturday, August 24th, 8:30 am-Kid's Dash; 9 am- 5K*

www.kirkwood5k.org

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Welcome Jennifer Cantwell Wood, MPH, RD, LDN as BackPack Beginnings' nutritionist. Her expertise will aid us in providing nutritional food to the children in our Food BackPack Program. We are glad to have her on board!

Standing on our own!

In April, BackPack Beginnings evolved from under the support umbrella of The Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro to operate as its own 501 C(3) charitable organization. Operational changes for BPB also included a transformed vision and mission statement, a newly formed Board of Directors, and a new mailing address of 1852 Banking Street #9024, Greensboro, NC 27408.

BackPack Beginnings was established in 2010 in response to the growing needs of underprivileged children in our community. Through our new mission to provide children in need with nutritious food, comfort items or certain basic necessities through the use of backpacks and other efficient means of distribution, we can make a direct, positive and lasting impact on the health and well-being of children in our community. Our vision – a community of healthy and well-nurtured children – is being met *one BackPack at a time*.



By the numbers:

19,596 Bags of food distributed between September 2012 and the end of April 2013

3,868 Clothing items handed out since May 2012

1,113 Comfort BackPacks distributed to abused/neglected, foster, homeless and refugee children since May 2012

730 children being fed by our Food BackPack Program each week

18 Guilford County schools being fed by our Food BackPack Program

With the help of local girl scout, Erin Short, we are pleased to announce the opening of our second food pantry in a local Title 1 middle school. We look forward to serving the families and children in need at Guilford Middle School.

Meet Dana Dillehunt!

She is a freelance writer/commercial photographer that will be working with Thea DeLoreto to continue to bring you new blogs each Monday about our organization. Click [here](#) to read past entries.



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Continuing to expand...

We are pleased to announce two new partner agencies for our Comfort BackPack Program. We will be providing Comfort BackPacks to the children at Salvation Army's Center of Hope and Family Promises' Greensboro and High Point shelters.



GREAT NEWS!! We are thrilled to announce that we were recently awarded grant money from the Kids 'N Community Foundation for \$10,000. Our office manager, Michele Alvarino, and her daughter were on-hand at the Carolina Hurricanes' game to accept the check. We thank them for their support of our organization!



We were honored to be chosen as one of the recipient charities for John's Run. What a success it was!! It was great watching the children participate in a race just for them. We are already looking forward to next year's race!

Thanks to Eagle Scout, Patrick Tierney, for collecting children's books for us! Over 730 were distributed in May to the children in our Food BackPack Program.

THANK YOU to all of our 90 delivery volunteers that delivered our food each week to our 18 schools. Volunteers came from Community Bible Church, The AGC, St. Mary's Church, First Baptist Church, Weekday Preschool Center, The Junior League of Greensboro, Jones Elementary and more. We couldn't have done it without you!!



We now have car magnets available for purchase (image above). For only \$5, you can purchase a car magnet and support BackPack Beginnings. That \$5 will also feed a child for a weekend. If interested, please contact us.

A huge thank you to our most recent donors and volunteers! They include The Fresh Market, Jansport, VF, Cardinal Health, Canterbury, Grace Methodist, Jamestown Rotary, Dr. Stephen Mackler, High Point Bank, St. Pius X Church, St. Francis Church, St. Mary's Church and more. We especially want to highlight Carson-Dellosa for their donation of over 1,000 lbs of in-kind donations and Cornerstone Charter School for their donation of 276 assembled bags of food. Do you want to get involved? There are many different opportunities for all different age groups. Contact us for more information.



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