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A Kids Give Back Update



Kids show-off family Game Night Bags.

Sold-out Summer Volunteer Camps are Sizzling Hot!

Kids Give Back is beating the heat this summer with five weeks of Summer Volunteer Camp! Our award-winning programs allow elementary-aged kids to jump right into serving their communities.

Highlights include making nearly 400 meals for food-insecure residents, preparing art kits for children in need, decorating pillowcases for the military, assembling Game Night Bags for families with hospitalized children, and more!

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Volunteer Spotlight

Abby Leiber, a junior at Woodson High School, has volunteered for Kids Give Back since she was 12. She does so with a huge smile and tons of enthusiasm for working with kids.

As a member of our Teen Board of Directors, she helps shape our programs, is a familiar face at many festival booths, and mentors our new camp counselors.

Passionate about art and chorus, Abby even brought her younger sister to camp for the first time this year.

Thank you, Abby!

“Kids Give Back has really helped me grow. I used to be very anxious and shy, but now I feel confident in conversations & leadership positions. Volunteering with this organization is one of my favorite things to do! I can't wait to grow more alongside Kids Give Back.”

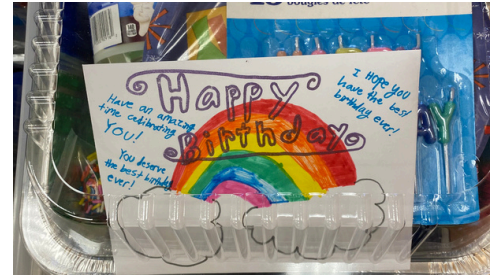


Spreading Birthday Cheer Throughout the Community

Kids Give Back campers enjoyed a new summer project by making nearly 50 birthday kits for Reston Strong. The organization provides food to local families every Sunday at the Reston YMCA and was thrilled to have ready-made birthday kits to distribute.

Each kit, packaged in a foil pan, included:

- Cake mix
- Candles
- Frosting
- Sprinkles
- Plates
- Napkins
- A Happy Birthday banner
- And a handmade Birthday card.



Nice work, campers!

Great T-shirt Alert!

Our Summer Volunteer Camp T-shirts look T-rific this year, thanks to our sponsors and the young artists who designed the front. Thank you to Adam, 10, and Joaquin, 8, for designing the shirts and our sponsors for supporting us!



- hōm with Compass
- Positive Pathways To Resolution and Success
- Toby's Homemade Ice Cream
- United Bank (camp sponsor)
- Vienna Business Association

Join US!



- **Oct. 3-4 (9:30 am - 3:00 pm) — Fall Volunteer Camp.** FCPS is closed, and we're hosting a new two-day camp with a pizza lunch on Friday. Registration is open for 24 kids.
- **Oct. 19 (11:00 am - 3:00 pm) — Costumes for Kids, A Fall Volunteer Festival.** Join us in preparing 125 storybook character costumes for children in low-resource communities and enjoy face painting, games, a raffle, and more. Registration is open; individual and group tickets are available.
- **Nov. 1 (9:30 am - 3:00 pm) — Kids Volunteer Day.** This is a great way for kids to spend the FCPS school holiday! Registration is open for 24 kids.
- **Dec. 7 (12:00 - 3:00 pm) — Baskets for Babies.** This annual event brings the community together to prepare 75 baskets of baby supplies for low-resource expectant parents. Registration opens in October.

All events take place at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fairfax

COSTUMES FOR KIDS A FALL VOLUNTEER FESTIVAL



Let's Make Halloween Special for Kids!

Planning is underway for our fourth annual **Costumes for Kids, A Fall Volunteer Festival, which will take place on October 19** at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The community will gather at this festival to prepare storybook character costumes for children in low-resource areas.

This festival is the perfect way to introduce volunteering to families with young children and includes face painting, food, games, a raffle, and more. Individual and group tickets are available. kidsgiveback.org/events

Get Involved Today!



Become a Sponsor

- Costume Sponsor: **\$2,000**
- English and Spanish Book Sponsor: **\$1,500**
- Tote Bags Sponsor: **\$1,000**
- Activity Sponsor: **\$500**

Join Our Committee

Help make the event successful by managing activities, costume prep, day-of events, and more.



Our goal is to prepare 125 costumes with books and tote bags for children who attend five Title 1 schools. **But we can't do this without you!!**

"Today [Summer Volunteer Camp] was amazing! The kids were engaged, asked spot-on questions, and were very respectful. **Gives me hope for our future.**

Patti Cooksey,
Social4Good

**Diamond
Gardner, CRi**

"Thanks again for inviting us to speak with the campers. **Your contribution ensures that our residential staff have adequate resources to care for the individuals in our homes** and gives our individuals some fun, cool towels that they can take pride in. We appreciate your partnership!"

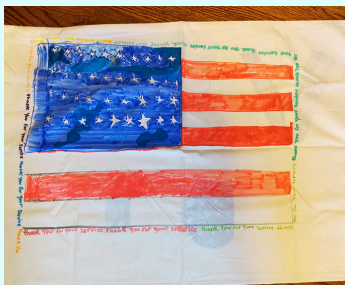
Summer Volunteer Camp

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This year, we:

- **Increased the camps to five** by adding a week in Great Falls (in addition to three in Fairfax and one in Oakton).
- **Enhanced the curriculum** by teaching kids how to fundraise for a nonprofit. We also hosted bake sales and handicraft marketplaces to raise funds for Kids Give Back.
- **Invited teens** who are active in volunteering or founded a nonprofit as guest speakers, inspiring campers to get involved at a young age.
- **Introduced new Gratitude Boxes**, where the kids prepare gifts for local heroes, healthcare workers, teachers, and others.
- **Brought weekly volunteer service projects** to campers at River Bend Country Club.

More than **200 children** made a difference by volunteering time, talent, treasure, and teamwork. Through more than \$6,000 in in-kind donations, they're bringing sunshine to individuals throughout the county.



Project Pillowcase: Bringing Cheer to Overseas Military



Throughout 2024, youth will use their time and talents to decorate pillowcases for Operation Gratitude, which includes them in military care packages.

Their website states, "We need volunteers to create pillowcases for our troops to sleep on each night. And as a bonus, they can also use them as laundry bags!"

Come decorate a pillowcase at our festival booths. Look for us at the NOVA Family Fair (Sept. 14, Vienna), Vienna Octoberfest (Oct. 5,) and the City of Fairfax Fall Festival (Oct. 12).

Let's stay connected!

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