

back2school

Jesus said "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them!"

For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children"

Matthew 19:14

It is time to celebrate the 17th year of the **back2school** outreach event that has served over 36,000 kids with the efforts of over 20+ churches across our communities and beyond!

Won't you join us in serving these students and making a difference in their lives?

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

There are many opportunities to let your gifts shine during this great event.

Registration

- Saturday, July 15 (noon– 3pm) at The Uptown Ministry Center
- Tuesday, July 25 (6-8 pm) at The Uptown Ministry Center

Pack the Bus

- At Walmart, Martinsville July 21-23 . Shifts TBD

Filling Backpacks

- At the Future Home of Community Fellowship
700 Commerce Court, Martinsville
Tuesday, August 1 (6:00 pm)

The Big Event

- At The Uptown Ministry Center (Behind Rania's)
Saturday, August 5 (7:30 am) Shifts will be determined

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Registration Sat. July 15 (noon-3pm) & Tues.

July 25 (6-8pm)

These folks will greet the families, register the names and measure their feet. We will also be issuing appointments for the kids to come on August 5. Children must be present to register and measure.

Pack the Bus July 21-23 (all day by shifts) TBD

These folks will hand out supply lists to customers going into Walmart and they will be asked to purchase any of the items on the list. Items must be sorted on the bus. This day will be split into 2 hour shifts. We need 9 people per shift totaling . Minimal physical stress handing out lists. The ones sorting on the bus will need to be heat tolerant.

Filling Back Packs Tues. Aug 1 (6pm-till they are filled)

This is one of the best experiences of all! These folks will arrive at the Community Fellowship future home at 700 Commerce Court. All Back2School sites will be there to help fill over 4,000 backpacks. They will be filled, counted, distributed to the site representatives and prayed over. You truly feel the holy spirit here!

Big Event Orientation Friday August 4 (5-7pm)

This is the time to come together and prepare for Saturday. You will get instructions of the event and make sure all supplies are in place. All are welcome and encouraged to attend to prepare for an amazing day!

Big Event August 5 (7:30am until ?)

Parking lot attendant: These folks will be out by the street and in the parking lot directing folks on how to get into the center.

Greeter: These folks do just that. You will greet the kids and their families with lots of love and smiles and direct them to the check in table.

Check-In Table: These folks will check in the kids and provide them with their name tags and check them off the master list.

General direction guides: These folks will be there to just guide the families to the different stations. Directing them from the check-in table to the story time room and interacting with the kiddos!

Story Time room: These folks will be helping to tell the story of Manny, the Founder of Samaritans Feet. Which is what this is all about! Parents stay with their kids. It's great for the parents to hear the story too!

Foot Washers: These folks have the best job of all, washing the kids feet and fitting them with new socks and shoes. This is a wonderful time to just talk and pray to the kids, get to know their dreams and let them know that Jesus is with them all of the time and LOVES THEM! If you work on this team, you may have to step out of your comfort zone and pray out loud to the child. But it is an absolutely wonderful experience that you will never forget! We will have at least 15 foot washing stations so we need a lot of volunteers for this. You can be on your knees, so it can be taxing on your knees and back (although we will provide a pad) or we will provide a chair. This position may be a little tougher physically. (But worth it!) We also encourage breaks so you can let others experience this wonderful servanthood.

Foot tub fillers: These folks will be in the kitchen area to fill tubs with warm water, receive emptied used tubs to clean and disinfect with wipes and then fill again, over and over and over!

Foot tub runners: These folks will be the ones to take the full tubs to the washers, empty the old tubs when kids are finished return them to the tub fillers to be filled again. This needs to be someone that can walk fast but safely and are sure on their feet! Don't need anyone to fall! You will also be helping to wipe up spills (a mop will be provided)

Sock and shoe runners: These folks will be getting the right size for each kid. The shoes will be presorted in a separate space by size and gender. You will be provided the correct shoes by the shoe team.

Shoe Team: These folks will stay in the shoe sorting area and keep track of the shoes as they go out. If they see a shortage or a problem, they will need to get a troubleshooter to make a run to Walmart for the right shoes.. although we measure each kid at registration, sometimes that just doesn't work out!

Troubleshooter: These folks need to be willing to do just about anything! Ha! You may need to run to the store, or just take the place of another person's job while they go to the restroom or take a break. These folks need to just be flexible.

Back pack brigade: These folks are the last stop for the kids. All the kids when they have received all of the services, will exit and will get a bagged breakfast or lunch from the summer feeding program, and they will receive a free book to read from Smart Beginnings and lastly a back pack that is age appropriate full of supplies. Seeing these kids skipping out and laughing with their new shoes and backpacks warms your heart!