

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 18th 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 13 (noon– 3pm) at The Uptown Ministry Center
- Tuesday, July 23 (6-8 pm) at The Uptown Ministry Center

Pack the Bus

- At Walmart, Martinsville July 19-21 . Shifts TBD
(City Cluster's supplies are from Holy Trinity Lutheran)

Filling Backpacks

- At the Future Home of Community Fellowship
700 Commerce Court, Martinsville
Tuesday, July 30 (6:00 pm) All are welcome!
(City Cluster back pack filling Wed. 31 at 5pm)

The Big Event

- At The Uptown Ministry Center (Behind Rania's)
Saturday, August 3 (7:30 am) Shifts will be determined

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Registration Sat. July 15(noon-3pm) & Tues. July 23 (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 19-21 (all day by shifts) TBD

If you are interested in helping at Walmart, let me know and I will connect you to the coordinator for that.

Filling Back Packs Tues. July 30 (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 3,000 backpacks. They will be filled, counted, distributed to the site representatives and prayed over. You truly feel the holy spirit here!

Filling City Cluster Back packs Wed. July 31 at Uptown Ministry Center at 5pm.

Big Event Orientation/ Setup Friday August 2 5pm

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 3 (7:30am until ?)

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! I can help you connect with Altrusa for this.

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.

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.

Call me with any questions and to sign up for any of the roles listed. Tracy at 403-4222.