The Christmas Store

The Christmas Store is our annual holiday event where parents and guardians with students enrolled in the Guilford Backpack Ministry can "shop" at no cost to them for <u>all of their children</u>, ages newborn to 18!



In addition to childrens' gifts, each family also receives:

- a box of extra food for winter break
- fresh fruits and vegetables courtesy of Second Harvest Food Bank
- a grocery gift card to shop for a holiday meal and other food
- personal care products
- wrapping paper
- other essential items

Helping these families embodies

the spirit of compassion and
generosity that defines the magical
Christmas Season!

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GUILFORD BACKPACK MINISTRY







Providing food and basic necessities to students in need in northern and northwest Guilford County area schools since 2010

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How We Help

The families we serve have limited access to food pantries and other resources due to their rural area and lack of public transportation in northern and northwest Guilford County.

We bag shelf-stable meals to distribute to students with the help of school counselors or social workers.

We Also Provide

- Classroom snack packs for elementary and charter schools
- Additional food for school breaks and holidays
- On-site school pantries
- School supplies and holiday treat bags

• Summer food bags





Need Our Help?

Students in our program receive an assortment of nutritious, eat-to-prepare food for each weekend of the school year plus an assortment of snacks for each day of the week.

Each school's social worker or counselor is in charge of enrollment and distribution of food.

Enrollment is confidential.

Registration

Scan QR code below for information on participating schools and to fill out our registration form.



How You Can Help



Monetary Donations

We gladly accept monetary donations of any size!

- **\$500** helps to supply food for ONE student for the YEAR!
- **\$700** feeds a student for a year AND provides other essential items.

100% tax-deductible donation options!



To Donate Online:

Scan QR Code

or

Text "ORMC Backpack" to 73256 (message and data rates may apply)

Make checks payable to "ORMC - Backpacks"



Donate Food

- Drop off non-perishable items in the Oak
 Ridge Methodist Church Lobby.
- Look for our bins at check out at Lowe's
 Foods in Oak Ridge and on Church Street.



Donate Time

We welcome new faces and have many opportunities for you to help!

Email us at

GuilfordBackpackMinistry@gmail.com to inquire or join our volunteer email list!