

AUGUST 2024



**Working To End Juvenile Food & Hygiene Insufficiency
One Weekend Bag At A Time!**

In the News

**Sussex County Board of Commissioners
Honor Costello Sisters' Weekend Bag Program**

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Upcoming Dates to Remember

August

- 8/09/24 - NJ State Fair Spotlight Charity
- 8/1-8/31 - Pampered Chef Online Fundraiser (Double Donation Month!)
- Donation Drive @ Ivy Rehab

September

- 09/01/24 - Stuff The Van @ Weis Markets in Franklin & Newton
- 09/14/24 - Stuff The Trunk @ Newton Shoprite
- 09/15/24 - Sussex County Day Info Table
- 9/22/24 O'Reillys October Fest to benefit The Weekend Bag Program Inc
- 09/29/24 - Stop n Shop Back to School Cram the Trunk w/The Sparta Community Food Pantry

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Opportunities to Support in August

NJ State Fair Spotlight Charity

On Friday, August 9th The Weekend Bag Program, Inc will be the Spotlight Charity of the day at the NJ State Fair! We will host an informational table in the commercial tent where we will distribute literature to spread the word about our mission and collect product and monetary donations. In addition, Fair goers will have the opportunity to support The Weekend Bag Program by opting to donating \$1 at the gate when they buy their ticket to enter the fair. Please encourage your friends, family, and neighbors to visit the fair on this day and help us fight juvenile food and hygiene insecurity by bringing items to donate to our table in the commercial tent, and/or by choosing to donate \$1 upon entering the fair.

Donation Drive @ Ivy Rehab

Our amazing friends at Ivy Rehab in Newton will be hosting a donation drive for The Weekend Bag Program, Inc from **Aug 12th to Aug 24th**. Please feel free to drop off donations at their Newton location (80 Mill Street, Newton, 07860) during business hours in the main lobby. Some items being collected are:

- hygiene products like body wash/soap, shampoo/conditioner, toilet paper, deodorant, toothpaste, laundry soap.
- boxed and canned pasta (like Chef BoyArdee)
- pasta sauces (please no glass)
- canned veggies, tuna, chicken
- Ramen Noodles
- Cereal/oatmeal
- snack items such as granola bars, chips, crackers, fruit cups, etc.
- beverages like water, juice boxes/pouches, etc.

Pampered Chef Online Fundraiser

Pampered Chef is a company that offers high quality kitchen tools and pantry items like sauces, rubs, and seasonings. This month Pampered Chef fundraiser recipients will receive DOUBLE donations from fundraiser sales. The Weekend Bag Program, Inc. will receive 20-30% of sales (depending on the total sales placed in the fundraiser). Click the link or scan the QR code below to join the party, view products, and place an order in The Weekend Bag Program, Inc. Pampered Chef fundraiser. And of course, feel free to share the link and fundraiser information with your family, friends, and colleagues. The more sales we collect, the more weekend bags we can provide. If you have any questions, you can reach out directly to the consultant through the party link. As always, thank you for your continued support!

Fundraiser Link:

<https://table.pamperedchef.com/party/1294047jfe?inviteSource=direct&t=1722338025143>



Volunteer Opportunities

Sussex County Fair (NJ State Fair)

Date: Friday, August 9th

Time: 10am - 10:30pm

Description: Volunteers will sit at The Weekend Bag Table and greet visitors. They will discuss/explain the program, share informational literature, promote upcoming events, collect emails from visitors who are interested in volunteering or being on the mailing list to receive the monthly newsletter, and facilitate other activities at our table to engage visitors (pick-a-pop, tattoos, etc).

[Sign Up Here](#) (you may sign up for more than one shift)

Stuff the Bus Events

Date: Sunday, September 1

Time: 9am -4:30 pm

Description: The Weekend Bag Program will be holding a Back to School Stuff the Van event at both Franklin and Newton Weis Markets on this day. We will need volunteers to help hand out informational flyers and brochures as well as collect and organize food & monetary donations outside of each store. Volunteers will also help load the donations into the van as they are collected. We will also need help unloading the donations back at the warehouse after the event. If you would like to help unload at the warehouse that evening.

If you'd like to help at the Stuff the Bus event at either store, or would like to help unload at the warehouse after, please sign up below. You may sign up for more than one time slot. If the time slot you would like is already full, please reach out to us and we will add you to that shift.

[Sign Up Here](#)

Sussex County Day

Date: Sunday, September 15

Time: 10-4

Description: Volunteers will sit at The Weekend Bag Table and greet visitors. They will discuss/explain the program, share informational literature, promote upcoming events, collect emails from visitors who are interested in volunteering or being on the mailing list to receive the monthly newsletter, and facilitate other activities at our table to engage visitors (pick-a-pop, tattoos, etc).

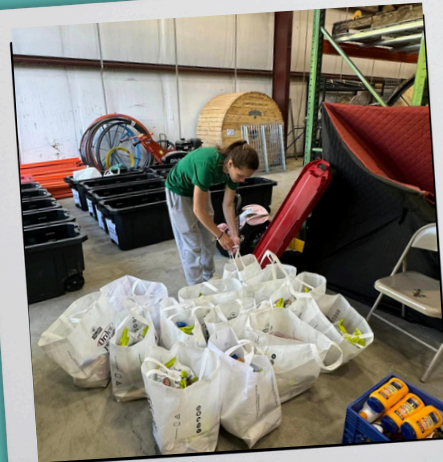
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Tuesday Evening Bag Packing

We thank everyone who helped pack, deliver, and organize weekend bags during the 2023-2024 school year. We hope to see you all again in the 2024-2025 school year!

We always welcome new volunteers to help assemble bags for the weekends. If you or your group would like to get on the calendar to volunteer to help pack bags, please email us at theweekendbagprogram@gmail.com.

This is a great team building opportunity as well as an opportunity for individual community/volunteer service hours!



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Look at what The Weekend Bag Program was able to provide for Sussex County students during the 2023-2024 school year thanks to all of YOU! None of this would be possible without the selfless help and donations of our liaisons, donors, and volunteers!

2023-2024 School Year Review

First delivery: October 04, 2023

Last delivery: June 12, 2024

Full Bags: 4,920

Hygiene Bags Only: 924

Total Weekend Bags Delivered: 5,844

Meal Items provided: 39,360

Snack Items provided: 44,280

Fruit Items Provided: 4,920

Vegetable Items Provided: 4,920

Water Bottles Provided: 4,920

Juice Pouches Provided: 4,920

Seltzers Provided: 9,840