



SMDP Outreach
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Sneakers and Backpacks Annual Drive

At a time of such uncertainty, the annual Sneaker and Backpack Drive is underway and focusing on the Children of SMDP Clientele. Unsure of "if and when" school will begin here in Lee County, we know the children's education will continue whether in a class room setting or remotely at home. No matter the location, the children will need school supplies and shoes.

A total of 184 families have registered their children for assistance from us. Working from our cramped quarters here at SMDP, we have started the monumental chore of putting together enough grade level supplies to fill 446 backpacks with all the necessary items. That's 446 youngsters who will start their school year with confidence knowing they are equipped with all the tools they need to meet the challenges they face.

To enable us to meet the needs of those we serve depends on the generosity of donors to support us. We buy in bulk and at wholesale prices to keep the cost down. The average cost of a filled backpack is \$20.00 and the average cost of a pair of sneakers is \$25.00.

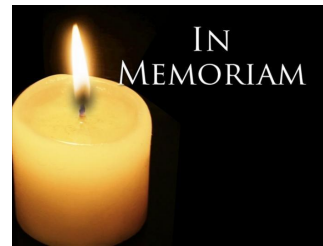
If you find it in your heart and are financially able to support us, please consider making a donation to this worthy cause. Know that your participation will put a smile on the face of a child.

**Our Backpack Stuffers
getting ready**



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We recently lost two of our SMDP Outreach Family. It is truly a great loss to lose such valuable and dedicated volunteers. We offer their families our sincere sympathy. May they rest in peace!



Bob Ferry was not only an avid supporter of SMDP Outreach but he was head of our Building Committee. He spearheaded the evaluation of our existing rental location and the needs of our mission. His efforts were also instrumental in developing our procedures and practices manual. He often helped in our kitchen to prepare the meals for those we serve. Bob's dedication and expertise will be missed.

Melanie Giles was a key part of our after school program. Volunteering at SMDP since 2017, her love of children was evidenced in her dedication to helping our students learn and succeed. If it was Thursday, you could count on finding Melanie in the classroom working with a student on a math assignment or listening to another child reading. She will be missed by her fellow education volunteers as well as by the students.

It has been requested that memorial donations be made to our building fund through our "Donation" button links.

Memorial Donations

SMDP Outreach is an all volunteer 501c(3) organization whose mission is to serve the people with an open heart for humanity by providing food, clothing and educational training, thus setting the pace for families to self sustain. We are located at 4711 Palm Beach Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33905

Donations are also accepted by mail or through our website
Send donations to **P.O. Box 50754 Fort Myers, FL 33994**
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