



Gifts of Love

August 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to our weekend backpack program! We hope that you find this assistance to be beneficial to you and your family. We will be providing and distributing weekly backpacks filled with easy to prepare foods and drinks for each child in the family. The program will work as follows:

- On Friday of each week the child will pick up their filled backpack at dismissal OR the time designated by their school
- Backpacks will **not** be supplied during the weeks of school vacation
- It is important to specify if your **child has any food allergies** or illnesses that we need to be aware of. We try to accommodate all allergies and dietary needs to the best of our ability

Attached you will find our sign-up sheet which must be filled out for each child in the family who will be receiving a backpack. Please **provide an e-mail address**, as we communicate any updates or changes in the program via email. We look forward to assisting you and your family. Should you need additional information please call or email Nancy Carlson at 860-676-2323 or ncarlson@giftsoflovet.org





Gifts of Love Weekend Food Backpack Program

When some students go home on Friday afternoons, they aren't just leaving behind their studies. Many of them leave behind the free meals provided at school and return after the weekend with empty stomachs. That's why Avon based non-profit Gifts of Love has instituted a backpack program - to help fill that void.

Each Friday Gifts of Love distributes backpacks full of easy to prepare food and juice to be used by the family over the weekend. Children pick up their backpacks in the office on their way to the bus line or pick-up line. This program is completely anonymous and confidential.

Gifts of Love wants to ensure that children have adequate food and nutrition over the weekend and is committed to helping families struggling to make ends meet. Please call **Nancy at 860-676-2323** or email him at ncarlson@giftsoflovect.org for more information, to sign up for the program and learn about other ways that Gifts of Love can assist you.

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Gifts of Love provides basic needs – food, clothing, household items, energy assistance – to people in the Greater Hartford area. When times are toughest, the people who don't qualify for many government programs are often hit the hardest. The families that are served by Gifts of Love's programs face a short-term crisis in their lives due to a variety of circumstances including reduced working hours, illness, divorce, or a significant unexpected increase in expenses such as gas, food and home heating oil. By helping clients meet their families' most basic needs – food on the table, a winter coat, or a bed to sleep in – we enable them to focus on putting their lives back in order and regaining their independence.

Assisting a family during a tough time is truly at the heart of Gifts of Love, “families helping families.”



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**Weekend Food Backpack Program
Information Sheet 2020-2021**

Student's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____

Child's Date of Birth: _____

Food Allergies: _____

Gifts of Love is a non-profit agency which provides clothing, household goods, food and energy assistance to people in need. We make no warranties or guarantees as to the quality or safety of the goods provided to you or your family.

We disclaim all liability which may result from the consumption of food or use of any items you receive from Gifts of Love. This disclaimer includes, but is not limited to, sickness, injury, or death caused by the acts of the donor of these products.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date