## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

### BACK-TO-SCHOOL 2024-2025



FRIENDS REUNITED!

So many resources!



You smile with the beautiful Mascot!



# Back to School Fair

August 1, 2024 First Baptist Church

Excitement was in the air as we all got into *back-to-school* mode. The fair included backpacks, school supplies, eye exams, haircuts, sports physicals, and many more resources.



Dr. Warren of Sanger Eye Care conducted his exams to ensure the kids could see those assignments well.

Below: The line for haircuts starts here. Before the night was over, our fabulous hairdressers had served over 54 students with a brand-new cut!



### Backpacks & School Supplies

### THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

It all starts with your servant hearts to ensure that we have everything to help our kids succeed.

- Trinity Cowboy Church for their 200 backpacks and school supplies.
- ❖ First United Bank Stuff the Bus Campaign with school supplies
- ❖ New in town Bloomfield Homes their open house school supply drive was a hit! They not only came to build; they came to support!

Just a few tidbits – last year we saw 197 students; this year we prepared for 300 and we spoke to and saw over 580 students. The backpacks were gone in the first 30 minutes of the fair! We gathered and distributed school supplies, ensuring the students we would get backpacks for them as well in the coming days.









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### FRIENDS & **FAMILY**

At a recent presentation at the Sanger Chamber of Commerce, after hearing our story of insufficient backpacks, I was approached by Shayna and Jimmy Elliot, who, along with mom at Vira Insight -Connecting with Care, were ready to donate 200 backpacks with supplies! She said my husband will go pick up and deliver to you today, and he delivered!



### **PRIDE**

Our littles get involved as well – it's the great parenting we have around here in Sanger!



Thanks to the McKnight/Roberts families, Cash came in to help unload a truckload of supplies, food, toys, and school supplies!

The Atkins families didn't stay far behind, all three kids cleaned out closets and delivered stuffed animals, clothes, shoes, and costumes! Our families will enjoy dressing their littles for upcoming festivities in all this!

Who wants to cuddle with one of these cuties hiding in here?



### **ADVENTURES**

You've all heard about the Purple Bus adventures, but what you didn't see is the behind the scenes work....

From Collecting the books....



To sorting and setting up the mobile monster...



To cleaning up....



And we're ready to start all over again!

#### What's Next?

Purple Bus Appearances:

August 26-September 27 – Lion's Club Fundraiser for Purple Bus (details coming soon)

September 5 – Lion's Club Family Night at Community Center

October 1 – Purple Bus at City of Sanger Night Out on the Square

October 18 – Riding the Brand Cowboy Church – Story time

October 26 – Sanger Sellabration – *Unveiling of new look for the Purple* Bus

November 15 – Riding the Brand Cowboy Church – Story time

We are available anytime you have an event and would like us to come be a part of your family/community time, just call, that's all – (who remembers that commercial?)

#### Needs?

Many have asked – what do you need? It's hard to say at times, because it hasn't failed me yet – every time I start a list, someone always comes to my door with exactly what's on my list!

### However,

Clothes:

- Socks, underwear (boys/girls all sizes)
- ✓ Shoes: Littles boys/girls 9-13, 204, teen/adult 7-12 boys/girls 6-8 Food items:
- ✓ Any for breakfast, lunch, snacks
- ✓ High demand veggie Corn

### Essentials:

- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- ✓ Deodorant
- ✓ Bath soap Blankets





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#### LET'S TALK ABOUT THE LINDA TUTT GROCERY STORE

#### **EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT 6-7 P.M.**

Our volunteers enjoy speaking with the families that come to our family night grocery store. Lately, with the produce, they have actually had the pleasure of getting off their cars and picking their veggies, and, they smile a lot more!







Stay tuned as we will have new and exciting changes coming soon.

Partnerships like our very own Community Garden and Tarrant Area Food Bank provided many families with produce this summer. All donations ensure we keep the grocery open for our community. If you'd like to partner with us, don't hesitate to call on Mr. Anthony Love. He will give you the complete 211 on the grocery store!





**Volunteers Needed Please!** 



#### COMMUNITY

# Free Shopping Spree Anyone?

CHURCH OF CHRIST, SANGER – AUGUST 3, 2024

The Annual Clothes Swap, sponsored by Sanger Church of Christ, gave the community another reason to celebrate – **Free** Shopping!

Thank you to Diane Nichols and her TEAM of fabulous ladies for putting this event together. Construction of their gym did not put a damper on the event; they made it BETTER!





Donations for the Friday Backpacks have been coming in ready to prepare the weekend meals for our kids in the program. Our preliminary numbers are shown below; we are still working with families on every campus to ensure we get everyone identified. Last year we ended the program with 158 identified students and 85 backpacks.

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Campus	MV	MV- DS	Assistance	Total	Friday Backpack	Family Pick/Up
BES	4	3	5	12	3	5
CTE	4	2	3	9	5	2
CCE	12	4	12	28	19	4
SGC	4		4	8	6	2
SMS	1	1	5	7	4	2
SHS	7	1	17	25	13	9
LTHS				0		
Total	32	11	46	89	50	24
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The table to the left details the numbers of families identified and attending school as of August 7:

- ✓ MV = McKinney Vento Program (homeless)
- ✓ MVDS = McKinney Vento qualified, however, have declined services
- ✓ Assistance = families asking for school supplies and/or Friday backpack assistance
- ✓ Friday Back each campus counselor will receive and distribute on Friday
- ✓ Family pickup the parent will come to my office and pick up.

Friday Backpacks include:

- 2 Breakfast (oatmeal/cereal)
- 2 Lunch (ranges from span, chicken, tuna, pastas, etc.) Snack crackers, oatmeal bars,

Fruit – cups/cans

Veggies – Corn is the favorite



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#### **THANK YOU**

### Your Servant Hearts Bring Hope to Others



Sanger Sixth Grade Students send notes of thanks for their Folders

#### **KEYWORD**

### Special Thanks

### HEATHR CARTY, M.ED., SGC COUNSELOR

Recently a note was sent to all counselors asking them to let me know of any school supply needs they may have, and we would take over to them.

The new counselor at SGC, Heather Carty, asked for folders for each student to store their documents. We took 200 folders and we then received these awesome surprise!

It only takes a mustard seed to make someone smile and it made my day! Your donations never go un-noticed and every child has benefited greatly from folders, pencils, journals, colors, etc.!

Thank you SGC for showing what pride is to be a Sanger Indian!

## Hope this makes your day!

