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**Easter Baskets for the kids**

It is very important to us at the food pantry to provide healthy food choices for our clients. But that doesn't mean we can't have a few treats too!

We know the kids love to get baskets at Easter. So, we want to say thank you very much to those who donated Easter baskets filled with toys and treats for the kids.

The parents really appreciated it, and we're sure the kids were excited to get them.



**Grissom School volunteers**



We were fortunate to have a group of students and teachers from Grissom School volunteer with us on March 18th.

During their hour-long visit, the students diligently packaged produce and prepared boxes that would be distributed later that day.



We genuinely appreciate their contributions.

They not only provide valuable assistance to our cause, but also impart essential life skills to the students.

We eagerly anticipate the opportunity to welcome them back for another visit.

Volunteers needed (always!) Our ministry runs on volunteers! Without them, we cannot be open. Of course, being a food pantry, we always need help packing food boxes or giving out food at the various stations. We need volunteers to talk and pray with clients. Not for you? This month, we'd like to mention that we need volunteers to **register people in the computer as they come in**. No, you don't need to be a computer whiz! The program is not hard and you get to sit down! You can do this! Our hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9am to noon, and Wednesday, noon to 3pm. We would love to have you join us for once a week (or more if you can). Call our office and speak to Brian.

**March Statistics**

Heads of Households	680
Individuals	2048
Prayed with	592
Professions of Faith	8

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