

SHINING HANDS IS PART OF FEED MY SHEEP

We are part of a non-profit 501c3 organization of people open to all, churched and unchurched, based in Gordonsville known as Feed My Sheep. We feed people. Our mission is to be sure that everyone within 24 miles of Gordonsville is well fed physically and spiritually. Shining Hands focuses on students at Gordon Barbour Elementary School on Baker Street in Gordonsville. In 2020 we took over this ministry from Carol Lee who started it years before. In 2020 we provided 6 bags every Friday of easy to open food, which jumped to 16 bags in 2021 and now 20 in 2022. We provide healthy six meals plus snacks for the weekend. We put the bags together at the home of Willow and Alan Drinkwater every Friday morning and deliver to the school by 10 a.m.

If you would like to help, call Willow at 434-249-6892. The cost has risen to between \$190-\$210a week depending on sale prices. All contributions are tax deductible!

If you would like to purchase food, these are the items we provide:

Chef Boyardee easy open cans of beefaroni, spaghetti and meatballs, rigatoni or mac and cheese

Shelf safe Horizon organic whole white milk

Shelf safe Horizon organic chocolate milk

Small boxes of dry cereal

Individual bags of oatmeal cereal

Swiss Miss cocoa bags

Juicy juice boxes

Top Ramen chicken or beef noodle mix

Corn

Peas

Carrots

Green Beans

Mixed Veggies

Applesauce

Jif peanut butter

Granola Bars

Peanut butter crackers

Raisins

Small bag of chips, smart food or pretzels

Starkist or Nature's Promise tuna

tangerine and apple

Each bag is about \$10 each as we buy in bulk.

We are also blessed by larger quantities of food donated by the Diocese of Arlington to our food pantry at the Drinkwater farm outside Gordonsville which we distribute to individuals and families 24/7/365 days a year. We are the Emergency Food Pantry unlike Love Outreach and Feeding America which serves those in chronic need. We receive calls via Social Services, 211 and word of mouth at 434 249-6892.

Before March 2020 we held weekly lunches the last Saturday of every month at one of four churches in Gordonsville: Gordonsville Methodist, Baptist, Episcopal and Presbyterian. Unfortunately, the Presbyterian Church closed in January, 2021. We have yet to resume these lunches.