

9th Annual We Got Your Back Backpack Program 2021

# UNDERSTANDING THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY

- According to the 2019 census, more than 10,000 children live at or below poverty in the Lehigh Valley
- Marvine Elementary School's poverty level, as determined by free/reduced lunch numbers in 2017-2018 school year, was at 93% of their students receiving free/reduced lunch
- 12% of the children in the Bangor Area School District is below the poverty line
- Allentown School District is made up of 34% of children below the poverty line, 1.5% times the rate in Lehigh County and double the rate in PA (\*2019 census)







# BACKPACK PROGRAM HISTORY

It all started with a vision the Wesley Church Pastor had – a school bus in the parking lot filled with backpacks and school supplies. Wesley was blessed in 2013 with an anonymous donation, and from that generous donation, the "We Got Your Back" program became a reality.

The program has increased year over year with the number of donations, partners, sponsors, volunteers and since its inception, the backpack ministry has served more than 1,000 kids a year.

In 2018 & 2019 we partnered with Bangor First UMC and helped them distribute 300 backpacks to their community.

Due to the pandemic, the event was drive-thru only in 2020.



In 2021 Wesley Church will have distributed more than 13,500 filled backpacks

Haircuts	Socks &	Vision	Cops N' Kids Book	Fire Safety
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Due to the	Pandemic, tł	nese services ai	re not availab	le in 2021.

	Healthy	Food and	Meet Service	
Patrol Car	Snack Options	Music	Dogs	



ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Wesley partners with local organizations and businesses to provide the above FREE services.



# SCHOOL DISTRICTS HELPED

Allentown	Bangor	Bethlehem	Catasauqua
East Penn	Easton	Emmaus	Hellertown
Jim Thorpe	Kutztown	Nazareth	Northampton
Northern Lehigh	Northwestern	Palmer	Palmerton
Parkland	Pennridge	Phillipsburg	Lehighton
Quakertown	Reading	Salisbury	Saucon Valley
Souderton	Southern Lehigh	Spring Ford	Whitehall
Wilson	Wind Gap	Wissahickon	

## 2019 SPONSORS

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#### THANK YOU TO ALL OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS!



Due to the Pandemic in 2020, we did not seek sponsors or partners, but did provide a drive-thru event. We distributed 1,500 backpacks at the event as well as through direct agency distributions.

### Be a collection site for backpacks supplies, socks and underwear



#### Become an event sponsor!

Share this event with others! Invite friends neighbors, family members, school and church associates...tell everyone!





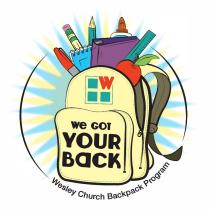
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### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Contributing Sponsor \$5,000 Logo/URL inclusion on Wesley Church website and on promotional materials

Ad listed on special Backpack Program page on the Wesley Church website

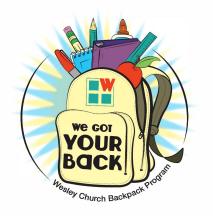
Opportunity to provide materials inside the backpacks



### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Logo and URL on Wesley Church website Opportunity to fill backpacks with additional items

Supporting Sponsor \$1,000



### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

At Will and In Kind Sponsors

<u>At Will</u>: business sponsoring at any dollar amount can be included on the Wesley Church website and other inclusions agreed upon at contract.

**In Kind**: businesses providing goods or services toward the backpack program can be included on the Wesley Church website and other inclusions agreed upon at contract.









### WE HOPE YOU'LL CONSIDER JOINING US IN SPONSORSHIP!

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