

NUTRITIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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Dear Friends:

Welcome back! All of us at NDS, pray that this school year will be safe and filled with many blessings for all of you. As you begin to plan your school year, I hope that you will take a moment to look at our new list of Community Service Opportunities for 2023-2024.

The Peanut Butter & Jelly Drive will be starting September 6 (enclosed is our flyer and response form). I have also enclosed information about Kid Snack Bags/Outreach Bags. I am also happy to share with you the opportunity to do a Kindness Cup. This consists of decorating a cup that you could easily just put a few snacks in like a granola bar, breakfast bar, or raisins.

We continue to ask that if you can please box your items this is greatly appreciated. Our driver does ask that you don't make the boxes too heavy, and smaller boxes are easier to handle.

As always, we want you to know we are deeply grateful for your willingness to partner with us. We would never be able to help as many people as we do without the support of people like you. We are especially grateful to all of the principals, teachers, directors of religious education programs, students and parents that give their time and talents to support these drives.

Over 34 million people are food insecure in the United States. 1 of 8 are children. Let's do all we can to feed our hungry brothers and sisters especially, the children, during this time of great need!

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