



MIGRANT FARM WORKERS & SEASONAL AGRICULTURE WORKERS UPDATE 2019:

PEVA's Hunger Action Advocate, Jessica Fitzgerald, had lots of help this year! She was not able to attend the Parent meeting on July 18 at the Cheriton Migrant Head Start Center, so Gay Aridas, Cindy Hiddemen, Suzy Farley and her daughters Emma and Abby of King's Grant PC stepped up and loaded, delivered and handed out the first wave of donated items.

PEVA's Hunger Action Advocate Jessica Fitzgerald, Etta Jones of Third PC Norfolk, David McKercher, Angela Hillis-Baurle, Deborah Banks, and her sister Sarah of Saint Andrew PC packed three vehicles, one of which included a rented cargo van, full on Thursday August 22, 2019. The first stop was the Migrant Head Start Center in Cheriton, VA where two vehicles were unloaded, and the needed items were organized and ready for the families as they arrive from the fields. The second stop was the Migrant Head Start Center in Parksley, VA. Jessica, Deborah and the Parksley Center staff unloaded the cargo van. Katherine Moore and JoAnn Eschleman of Powelton PC joined them to help sort and organize the needed items in the space provided by the center. Rev. Bill Moore also joined to help hand out the items. They all fully enjoyed the interaction with the families especially the children. The baby clothing and diapers went quickly lots of expecting mothers.



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Thank you to all those churches and individual members that supported the ministry this season.

A special thanks to all those that participated in packing, delivering, sorting and handing out the needed items July 18 & August 22, 2019.

TOGETHER WE HAVE HELPED 120 FAMILIES THIS SEASON!

Funds raised purchased food and needed items to fill in the gaps of what was not donated, so that we were able to reach all the families at both centers along with a several others in the Migrant Farm Workers and Seasonal Agriculture Workers communities on the shore.

Together we provided: 112 food Kits , 98 shower kits, 114 health Kits -11 baby kits , 10 back to school kits, 10 visa gift cards - \$25 each for those going to kindergarten, 3 visa gift cards - \$20, 10 Walmart gift cards - \$10, 52 individually size sunblock,25 pairs of socks, 20 boxes various diapers (separated in gallon zip lock bags), 22 trash bags of various clothing, 2 bags of shoes, 9 package of baby wipes,11 full size shampoos & conditioners, 26 toothbrushes (not counting those in the hygiene kits), 12 toothpaste, 12 travel tooth brush kits, 8 small bags of cleaning supplies, 30 razors, 16 shaving cream, 26 bars of soap, 58 washcloths, 30 hand towels, 2 bath towels, 4 reading glasses, 10 full size deodorant, 4 sheet sets new, 6 used sheets & light blankets, various toiletries, 60 pairs of women's underwear, 30 Pair of men's underwear and over 450 various children's books.



Jessica had a conversation with center staff later that night after most of the families had left on the overall needs and how might the Presbytery be able to further assist the families. The staff expressed several needs for children clothing, the clothing is needed earlier when the center opens in the beginning of the season. Some children come to the centers without a change of clothing, dirty clothing or clothing that does not fit. Staff expressed that some children come to the center dirty so extra wash cloths and soap would also be helpful to the families and the center. Jessica Shared this with the Hunger Ministry that following Saturday. Angela Hillis-Baurle and Beth Lyon Sterling of St Andrew PC collected some more children's clothing and delivered it to the Cheriton Center that very next week.

You can start collecting Children Clothing (spring, summer & fall seasonal clothing only, sizes NB - 5T cotton is best), for the 2020 season now! THERE IS A NEED FOR CHILDREN'S CLOTHING JUST AS SOON AS THE FAMILIES ARRIVE WHEN THE NEW SEASON BEGINS.