



The CedarWood Report



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CEDARWOOD CELEBRATES BACK-TO-SCHOOL

We were so pleased again this year to offer Back-to-School supplies to families in our community. We registered over 100 children in grades K-12 for new socks, underwear and backpacks. There were backpacks for kindergarteners with cute designs such as unicorns and dinosaurs, a variety of sturdy, color-accented backpacks for grade school and middle school kids and deluxe backpacks with computer pockets for high-schoolers. It was so much fun to watch the children pick out their favorite backpack! Parents who came to shop for children that were at home were just as excited to find the perfect one for each of their kids. This event was made possible by people who have a heart for children, donating funds and volunteering their time to make this event happen. Thank you for your support and prayers. We couldn't do it without you!



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BACK TO SCHOOL — SPECIAL MENTION SECTION

A special shout out to the staff and students from **Evergreen Beauty College in Everett, WA**, who worked hard to bring happiness to so many children! On Wednesday August 17th, they offered K-12 school students free haircuts, along with free mini-manicures and mini-facials. Many children from the families that receive food and clothing from our CedarWood Food Pantry were very excited to be able to attend this special event!



Leaving with a smile at last year's event

Thank you for the generous and much-needed services your team provided to the children again this year. We appreciate you!

Photos and caption are from their website: <https://www.evergreenbeauty.edu/blog/free-haircuts-for-back-to-school-event/>



BACKPACK KIDS PROGRAM EXPANSION

CedarWood's Backpack Kids Program is growing! This October, we began making weekend food kits for 260 children and a few senior citizens in Washington's "Sky Valley," an area which includes the towns of Sultan and Gold Bar. For the past 9 years we have partnered with Kelly Clifton, Founder and Director of Operation Sky Valley, in supporting her "Operation Full Bellies" outreach, providing food for at-risk elementary school children enrolled in the Nation's free school lunch program.

Since 2021, school enrollment has been down due to mandated home-schooling and hybrid programs during a time of state-wide restrictions on in-school attendance. We have been packing 200 weekend food kits per month for Sultan and Gold Bar since then, but classroom attendance is increasing, so we are very excited to add an additional 60 kids to our feeding program every month.



If you would like to help with funds or by volunteering your time once a month to assemble the food kits, please contact CedarWood's Director, Adam Shephard, at 206-883-5132. Additional information on monetary donations can be found in the "Get Involved!" section below. Thank you to all who support us in feeding the children!

GET INVOLVED!

CedarWood International needs **YOUR** help to build stronger families! Consider donating money, food, or volunteer your time. Monetary donations are tax-deductible. Please write checks to World For Jesus Ministries (WFJM) and mail to the address on Page 1. Please notate "CedarWood" in the memo section of your check. Online donations also accepted at <http://worldforjesus.org/ministries>. Click the "CedarWood International" donate button to add your donation to the cart.

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