News from Feed Our Scholars
March 2015

Thanks to the support of St. Philip’s Church, the First Congregational Church, Wiscasset’s business community, its clubs and groups, as well as fundraising activities, grants from Leach Foundation, Unity Foundation via the middle school’s JOY group, the Bank of Maine, Fidelity Trust, and the Wiscasset Female Charitable Society - not to mention contributions from individuals - the backpack program has steadily grown from the initial commitment of supporting 40 students to now aiding 80 individuals, in the primary and middle schools, plus as of January 2015 the inclusion of the Head Start group!

Good news: because of the increased number of backpack programs being developed statewide, Good Shepherd, through bulk buying charges, has been able to reduce the amount charged to FOS to $225 per student per school year. The modification of the charge is partially why we’ve been able to increase support to 80 children.

New this year: snack closets stocked with cereal bars, raisin boxes, fruit cups, etc, for those without. A special thank you goes to Mark James who supplied several boxes of freshly picked apples in the fall toward that need.

The high school’s Kids Pantry is still funded under the Morgan Stanley grant to Good Shepherd Food Bank. In the future, however, FOS will need to assume responsibility for supporting the pantry.

Big changes afoot: 7th and 8th grades will be in the high school building as of the fall of 2015. Those students will no longer be allocated bags of food, but will be encouraged to access the Kids Pantry instead. Reflecting their evolving independence, this will allow them a wider selection of food choices and greater autonomy in the choosing.

Wiscasset Backpack Program

Generating funds to provide weekend nutritious meals to children attending Wiscasset Primary and Middle Schools.

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Fundraising events of the past year have included Debbie Speed and several of her fellow local Zumba instructors leading a Zumbathon at the high school; Susan Gallagher, certified yoga instructor and FOS supporter, leading a welcome-to-the-new-year stretch session at St. Philip’s, January 1st; Treat’s dedicating their first wine-tasting event of the summer; and finally, students in the [WCC] After School Program making and selling holiday ornaments then generously sharing their profits with the Feed Our Scholars program. A heartfelt THANK YOU to one and all who donated time, effort and energy to the cause of eradicating childhood hunger.

Unsung heroes of FOS: Lois Atwood, Kristen Cowing, Lee Arnott, Nancy Roby, Margot Stiassni, Cathy Tyler, and Judy Flanagan. Without the solid support of these hard-working committee members, Feed Our Scholars would not be doing all it does toward its mission of easing the hunger of area children.

Mitten Trees and Knitter Groups provided warm mittens in backpacks.

Feed our Scholars Bake Sale at Ames True Value.

Children from the After School Adventure Program made clay Christmas ornaments. Half of the proceeds benefited FOS.

Gratitude again goes to Oakhurst Dairy who donated juice certificates to the students as a special treat in their Thanksgiving bags.

Big warm thanks to Cathy Tyler and her Bath knitting group, the Westport Knitters, Pam Soule & The First Bank in Wiscasset. FOS again was the conduit of large boxes of wonderful handmade hats and mittens to all 3 schools for anyone needing warm heads and hands.

A shout-out to Valerie Martin St. Pierre who raised funds for, then, along with FOS, coordinated the filling of the school supply wish lists which she delivered to the schools.

Look for these upcoming events!

Saturday, March 14, Morning Yoga with certified Yoga Instructor, Susan Gallagher, at St. Philip’s Church in Wiscasset. 9:30 Advanced Class & 10:45 for Beginners.

Saturday, March 28th, 5:00 - 6:30 pm, we will be having our 3rd Annual Spaghetti Supper/Auction Fundraiser at St. Philip’s Church, in Wiscasset.

2014 Fundraisers

Christmas baskets, created & donated by Margot Stiassni-Sieraki, were raffled off at our Holiday Bake Sale in December raising a combined total of $644. This was our most successful Bake Sale.

A great turn out for our April 5th Spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction. $2371 was raised.