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## Blessings in a Backpack gets over \$150,000 in donations

Donations worth more than \$150,000 will help feed Lee County children next school year.

■ The Bobby Nichols Charity Foundation at Fiddlesticks presented Blessings in a Backpack SWFL with \$127,000 to help feed more than 1,200 students at Colonial Elementary School and James Stephens Academy.

■ The League Club Inc. gave \$15,000 that will be used to feed 150 children next school year at Golden Gate Elementary School. The donation was part of The League Club's Community Trust Fund, which awarded more than \$340,000 to 35 area nonprofits.

■ The Verandah community gave nearly \$12,000 raised at its annual garage sale at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Fort Myers. This money will help Blessings feed more than 100 children.

Blessings in a Backpack said it steps up where federal aid stops by feeding children on the weekend. Every Friday afternoon, children receive packages filled with nutritious, kid-friendly ready-to-eat food. In partnership with Lee and Collier county schools, the organization has helped improve test scores, reading skills, behavior and health. ■

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