



Corfu United Presbyterian Church

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Presbytery of Genesee Valley
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Dear Members of the Grants Working Group:

We want to express, again, our thanks for investing \$1,500 into the backpack program we started for local students this academic year. We also want to update you on the progress of this program you helped us to start (which, since we applied for grant funds, we have renamed the "Pembroke Intermediate School Bagged Meal Program").

When we first applied for grant funds to start packing bags of meals for at-risk students, we knew that, with the Presbytery's help, we would be able to make 30 bags each week. We launched the program in December and have worked hard to promote it to our congregation and throughout the community. As a result of our promotion, the support from our church and the community has been overwhelming. It seems that everyone in Corfu wants to help us succeed at loving and supporting these students and their families.

Because of the increased support which we are receiving, we have been able to increase the number of bags we pack each week by 11 bags, for a total of 41 bags. The bagged meal program is creating stronger relationships between our church, the school district, and the greater community. Volunteers from the community are coming to help us pack bags every week, and we have been invited by the Intermediate School to promote it at their wellness fair. Through the bagged meal program, we have opened up relationships with local families who are also now coming to our monthly food pantry distribution.

The grant you awarded us has planted a seed in our church that is growing into a very fruitful ministry that is creating healthier relationships between our church and the community we are called to serve. Thank you for believing in our ministry.

In Christ's peace,
Erin Spring, Steve Chapman, Linda Chapman, Helen Layton, and Paula Trapani
(The Bagged Meal Program Team)

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