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September Volunteer Event Options

Vineyard Family Services Backpack Buddies Packing Party is Back

Backpack Buddies is a community program targeting food insecurity amongst one of our most vulnerable populations (children). During the past year we frequently provided volunteers to help during the packing parties. This is a volunteer opportunity that requires the volunteer to be active/mobile - standing, unboxing/sorting food items and walking to bag/box the food items in an assembly line manner. The packing parties are starting back up! The first one is this Saturday, September 5th, if you are interested and able to attend. Below is a flyer listing the subsequent packing party days. Another way we can help out is to collect suggested food items (they provide a list) to donate for the upcoming packing party. Please send an email to Leslie at shelbycountyal@communityworksusa.org.





2026-2027 BackPack Buddies

Packing Party Dates



Every first Saturday of the month during the school year.



9am start



Vineyard Family Services
2834-H Pelham Pkwy
Pelham, AL 35124



All ages and abilities welcome!

Extra Packing:

September 5, 2026	BPB Food
October 3, 2026	Hygiene Bags
November 7, 2026	Christmas Stockings
December 5, 2026	Christmas Stockings
January 2, 2027	Soup Drive
February 6, 2027	Valentine's Bags
March 6, 2027	Easter Bags
April 3, 2027	Hygiene Bags

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Manna Ministries

Manna Ministries is another community organization that combats food insecurity amongst our neighbors. During, the past year, steering committee member Barbara has been a dedicated volunteer helping sort, box, and distribute food donations to recipients. Manna Ministries operates every Saturday (with few exceptions, like this weekend, November 28th, and December 26th). They start at 6:30 am and go until about 12 pm. They are located at 333 Smokey Road in Alabaster. If you are interested in helping out on a Saturday, please send Barbara an email at shelbycountyal@communityworksusa.org.

Birmingham Meal Pack for the 25th Anniversary of 9/11

"We have a few volunteer spots open for individuals unaffiliated with our corporate participants who want to volunteer on 9/11 Day, helping to assemble shelf-stable meals for neighbors facing hunger – every meal is donated to the local food bank. Just a 2-hour commitment needed, and no experience is necessary."

There still remains some availability to volunteer on 9/11 from 9 to 11 am at the BJCC. Please click the link for more information. If you are available and interested please email Leslie at shelbycountyal@communityworksusa.org.

9/11 Day

Grandparents' Day

Grandparents' Day this year is on September 13th. Due to already having an activity prior to this date, we could possibly do an activity the following weekend. Would anyone be interested in doing a simple act of kindness for the grandparents in our community (Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging, Alabama Adult Day Center, a nursing home in Shelby County, etc.)? If so, what would you be interested in doing (handmade cards, socks donation, etc.)? Please send your ideas to shelbycountyal@communityworksusa.org.



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