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SHERRILLS FURNITURE DONATES FOOD TO BACKPACK PROGRAM, HICKORY SOUP KITCHEN

HICKORY -- Female employees of Sherrills Furniture recently conducted a cake raffle to raise money to feed people in need. The funds raised through this project were used to purchase food, which was donated to The Backpack Program in Catawba County and the Hickory Soup Kitchen.

The Backpack Program provides food over the weekends to Catawba County school children who may be facing food insecurity. The schools' counselors help identify the children who receive the food. Volunteer groups raise the money for the program. The food is packed in backpacks by volunteers and given to the students on Friday afternoons.

All food and labor for The Backpack Program is donated. During Fiscal Year 2011-2012, The Backpack Program provided 236,849 meals to 1,004 school children in need. Volunteers spent 2,856 hours packing the food and delivering it to students.



Amanda Freeland (at left), coordinator of The Backpack Program, accepts donations for the program from the employees of Sherrills Furniture. The female employees of the company conducted a cake raffle to raise money, which was then used to purchase food for The Backpack Program and the Hickory Soup Kitchen.

This program is a collaboration between Catawba County Social Services, Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry, BB&T, area churches, schools, businesses, civic clubs and individuals. To find out how you or your organization can help, go to <http://www.catawbacountync.gov/Backpack>, or call Amanda Freeland, program coordinator, at 828-695-5648.

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