

It is springtime, which means there are signs of life all around! Our fruit trees are blooming and bees are buzzing. The laughter of children can be heard on our playground. Friendly conversations are being had with our neighbors as they come to Food Pantry.

But most importantly, God's Word is being taught and our families are being prayed for. Proverbs 12:25 says that a good word makes the anxious man glad. Here at Friendship House, we aim to bring the best word of all—the gospel of Jesus Christ!

See below for some spring updates and needs.

- We're one year into our Food Pantry operating at elevated numbers due to Covid. So far in 2021, we are providing canned goods, fresh food, and hygiene items to an average of 130 households each week. This is only possible due to the generosity of families, Sunday School classes, and churches who walk alongside us to share the burden. Thank you for your faithfulness!
- We've enrolled a couple extra families into After-School Program, which is very exciting for us. We still provide our weekly running club, playtime, and bags of groceries for our kids and their families. But most importantly, every day they are taught from God's Word. This spring, we've been walking through the book of Luke. As summer approaches, we've got some exciting things planned! (See the box to the left for some more info.)
- In 2021 we've been able to assist 5 refugee families with housing, clothing, food, furniture, and English language tutoring. This is a lot more than normal! We've been fortunate to have some local churches and families with a spare house to give these families a temporary place to stay as they come into the country.

Bottom left: Some of our kids decorate cookies for Easter. **Bottom right:** Virginia Western helps our kids make take-home garden kits.



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Danika, one of our Liberty University interns, helps one of our children with some reading.

Opportunities to Serve

- **Summer Mission Groups:** Do you have a youth group that would like to come serve for a few days or a week? We have an exciting program for groups that includes work projects, summer activities for our children, and discussions with your group about missions. Contact us!
- **Drivers:** On Wednesdays or Thursdays, we need volunteers who will help deliver food to shut-ins.
- **Cleaners:** We need a couple people who can help clean our facility once/week. Scheduling is flexible.
- **Summer Helpers:** We need volunteers on Tues, Wed, or Thurs who would be willing to play with the kids in our summer program, as well put together snacks and be a helper on our weekly field trips to outings into the mountains to hike, swim, etc.