



ShareFest Backpack Sample Announcement

Good Morning!

I have the privilege of telling you about an exciting opportunity we each have to help the needy in Lake County through participating in the ShareFest Backpack Drive.

The ShareFest Mission is to “Restore the reputation of Christ through collaborative acts of compassion”. Based on 1Thes 2:8 “So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the Gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.”

(Last year we participated in ShareFest ...*list any initiatives you participated in.*)

Here are five reasons why we as a church are choosing to participate in ShareFest (*again*):

- To express an overflow of gratitude for all that God has done for us in Jesus Christ
- Jesus modeled and taught servant hood as a way of life
- God calls us to compassion for the less fortunate and needy
- It is more blessed to give than receive
- To bring glory to our God through unifying our churches
- To initiate long-term relationships in our communities

The 1st of 5 ShareFest Initiatives is the Backpack Drive. By coming together with other local churches we will be part of blessing 5,000 needy children with backpacks filled with school supplies! Up to 2,000 will be distributed on August 5th at the Kids 1st Health Fair in Waukegan. If interested you can sign up to volunteer on that day too, (email sharfest@catalystweb.org).

Let's watch this special DVD. (90 sec DVD shown)

I hope you found that inspiring.

See the bulletin insert for a few more details. This year due to greater needs among the children of Lake County and the financial challenges facing all families we are suggesting you consider placing online orders. It is the least expensive option for families, \$25 each or \$20 if you order 3 of them. Of course, we also have Backpacks in the lobby for you to fill - cost is \$6 per Backpack and we estimate about \$30 to fill with school supplies so a total of \$36 approximately.

(Your Church name) has committed to filling (#) Backpacks. Please stop at the sign up table in the commons area for your online orders or to get your Backpack and school supply list.

Thank you very much and may the Lord richly bless our efforts!