

Feature Story

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

GEAR UP FOR A SUCCESSFUL ACADEMIC YEAR AT I-58!

School supplies, Old Navy gift cards, new shoes, haircuts, face painting, TCBY yogurt and popsicles



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We need 45 Kids Bibles and 71 Teen Bibles. See our Amazon Wish List to purchase and have shipped to the Mission.

<http://bit.ly/3KKDoAA>

Karhina's CORNER



Even though school has just let out for the summer, we are gearing up for our Back to School Bash in July. Over 100 children will receive new school supplies, a new Bible, new shoes and an Old Navy gift card for clothes. Stylists will be on site to give haircuts. We will have fun with face painting and more! PTC TCBY will be sharing yogurt and popsicles will be available to everyone. **We still need 46 more Old Navy Gift cards. Won't you help by purchasing a gift card (or two) for a child today?**

Speaking of kids, we have been blessed recently with the help of youth groups through RiverLife's Impact week. These teens have been volunteering in every area at I-58 to help with the work needing to be done. It's so wonderful to see these youth coming in with their high energy and their love for God.

YTD Distribution Through May 2024

95,979 lbs of Food
8,819 Clothing Items
3,902 Home Goods
1,842 Baby Items
30 beds



Pantry Stats Through May 2024

2,037 clients served
Avg cost per household
\$135 weekly;
Totals \$274,995 in food distributed

Year-to-Date 2024

Our FINANCIALS

At The I-58 Mission, we are executing our plan of providing more for each client and family in 2024. We have been adding meat, eggs, milk and cheese to our food offerings weekly on Thursdays. At the end of five months this has increased our costs each week to \$900 - \$1100, but with inflation and the rising costs of food, gas and utilities this is something we feel is needed to fulfill our mission at I-58.

In 2024, we also made the decision to expand our bed ministry to provide for the adults and kids in our four counties who do not have a good place to sleep. We have already spent much of our annual budget for this category.

Each week we serve four or five new families with the needs constantly growing in our areas. Our clients have tripled in numbers to what they were just a few years ago.

God has always provided for I-58's needs. Come join in and support us in the efforts to provide for the people in need in our area. Prayerfully consider a gift for the Food Pantry or Bedding ministry. I-58 is always in need of funding for these areas.

GARDEN STORY

Thanks to the efforts of Lizzie Hunter and her family, helping her earn Eagle Scout status, I-58 is now raising vegetables right beside our building! Raised beds were put in on March 9, 2024. Volunteer, Lee Ann Holdsworth, is managing the work needed to grow the vegetables and keep the weeds out.

If your group is interested in helping us with this exciting new venture, please call us at 770-301-0870.



Looking FORWARD

Thanks to donations from Southside Church, our warehouse has been undergoing renovations these past two months. The roof has been fixed to prevent leaks, the sides have been strengthened. We are currently in the process of installing air conditioning to enable our volunteers to move about the warehouse more comfortably and to allow us the freedom to store specific items that must be in a climate controlled area. We are planning a grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony in the near future!

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