



IMPACT

Dear Supporter,

Bringing joy to the lives of disadvantaged children has been at the foundation of ESF's work since 1927. With support from donors, foundations, corporate partners, volunteers, and community ambassadors like you, we're realizing that mission in more ways than dreamed possible when we distributed our first toys 95 years ago.

Having expanded our services to include student success programs in 2019, ESF now touches the lives of more than 80,000 Atlanta-area children annually. Our three programs (Santa's Village Holiday Gift Distributions, Student Supply Kit Distributions, and the Free Teacher Store) enable us to serve families in need year-round.



"I am a single mother of 2 boys and times are hard this year. Without The Empty Stocking Fund, I wouldn't be able to provide a Christmas for them and still stay afloat with things like bills and transportation, so this is a blessing for us."

In 2022, the need to support children from low- and moderate-income families was great due to rising inflation and housing costs, the dust-settling of pandemic related learning loss, and the ending of economic pandemic support.

To fully understand what our beneficiaries need, we launched an informal --but concerted-effort and asked them. Teachers told us that they need more manipulatives for children on the autism spectrum, more board books for older children learning the English language, feminine hygiene products for girls whose families can't afford to provide them, and of course, pens, crayons, pencils and paper for students who come to school without either. Parents shared that they were struggling to make ends meet and feeling stressed about not being able to provide for their children.

Thanks to you, we were able to meet those needs and more. In this report, we're happy to share the impact your donations and volunteer hours have made on the broader community and the many ways you bring joy to those who need it most.



Now, my students have notebooks to take notes, which sounds so simple but so many come to school with no supplies. Also, they will be able to have color pencils and crayons for projects that I send home.

Sincerely, ESF Board

VOLUNTEERS



2,820 volunteers

Gave **7,761** hours of their time

FREE TEACHER STORE



Helped **1,750** Title I school teachers

Supplies and teaching tools worth **\$875,000**

BACKPACKS FOR KIDS



30,000 student supply kits for disadvantaged students

HOLIDAY GIFT PACKAGES



140,000 total toys and gifts

Given to **20,000** children

Valued at \$1,200,000





WHO WE SERVE

From Atlanta to Duluth, Austell to Covington, and Marietta to McDonough, ESF serves families in need throughout metropolitan Atlanta. To reach them, we collaborate with other nonprofit organizations to distribute school supplies and Holiday Gift Packages closer to home, hoping to eliminate transportation barriers for families who are already struggling.









