



The Rotary Club of Newnan

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The Rotary Club of Newnan Prepare Meals for Children in Need

The Rotary Club of Newnan recently gave a helping hand to Backpack Buddies in Newnan. On September 14 and 21, over 30 members of the Newnan club worked to assemble more than 700 bags with breakfast, lunch, snacks and drinks that will be distributed to children in the Coweta County School System.

"The amazing gift from Rotary allowed our organization to feed children in Coweta County schools for 3 weeks," said April Anderson, President of Backpack Buddies. "Not only do they give generously of their funds and resources, but they are also willing to roll up their sleeves and get dirty, so to speak."

The Rotary club brings together a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million members of more than 34,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas.

The Newnan Rotary Club, founded 1924, provides service to the community through several projects, including hosting the annual Fourth of July Fireworks show in Newnan each year. For more information about the Rotary Club of Newnan, contact President Luke Headley, President, at lukeheadley@gmail.com.

Backpack Buddies is a community-driven effort to feed economically disadvantaged children in the community. Many families in Coweta County are dependent on the "Free and Reduced" lunch program, and some have very little to eat over the weekends and holidays. The program supplies eligible children with nutritious, child-friendly, self-serve food every weekend.

Backpack Buddies launched in Coweta County in 2010 and is currently serving 500 students at 19 elementary schools.



Photo 1: Among those participating in the Newnan Rotary Club's service project at Back Pack for Buddies (L to R) Front Row: Karen Barker, Cade Barker, Lily Glen Barker, Collier Benz, Sharon Rogers, Garnet Reynolds, and Ashley Bonner. Back Row: Dr. Steve Barker, Chuck Posta, Denise Moye, Laura Benz, Josephine Avery, Parks Avery, Joel Richardson, and Joseph Wyant.