



## What We've Been Up To...

The month of June is quickly here, and we have been busier than ever! Due to the COVID Pandemic, we temporarily switched our mission to support needy families in the Herndon Area to provide them basic essentials such as food, toiletries, paper products, and cleaning supplies. We started to see many COVID cases affecting the families we serve, so we are now providing these families with "comfort packages" as well as hot meals twice a week. We are able to do this through working with another nonprofit, SEVA Food Truck.

We continue to run daily food deliveries to families but have also created a program where members of the community are able to "adopt" a needy family and provide them with groceries every other week. We also partnered with Herndon CARES and provided hot restaurant meals to families on a weekly basis. In addition to providing food, we continue to address the emotional needs of our kids by providing activity packs and our new "summer shoebox surprise".

It is clear, we have grown to serve the great need we have in our area. Due to the vast growth, we needed more space. Floris United Methodist Church was gracious to further our partnership by offering space to store all of our food inventory. In addition, they gave us a large donation that will go to continued efforts in purchasing food and supplies for our families.

Our mission may have altered during this time, but our vision remains. We serve the community by empowering and inspiring families during difficult times. This is evident by the heartfelt gratitude we hear about when a volunteer pulls up to a home with bags full of much needed necessities. The children are making us cards, our phone number is receiving incredibly touching messages from these families - it is this that makes us feel so blessed to be able to continue to help others. But we can't do it without an incredible team of dedicated volunteers! For this we are ever so grateful in believing in us, so that we can continue to be the SHE in She Believes in Me for others.

**735 families / 3,149 people served by daily deliveries**

**257 families served through Adopt a Family Program**

**22 COVID families served (160 meals a week)**

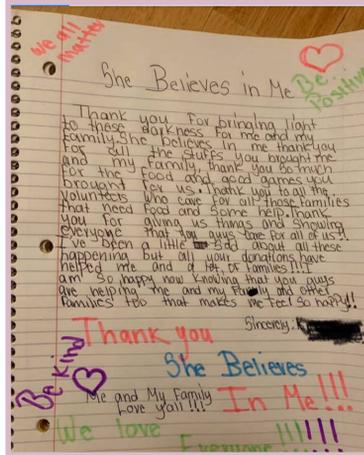
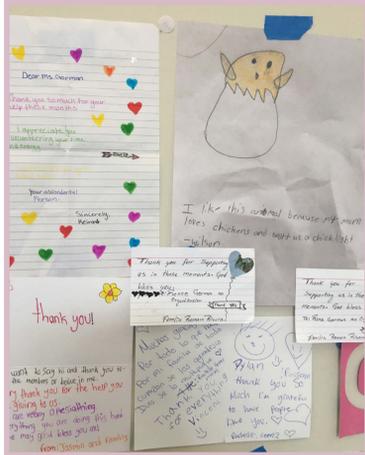
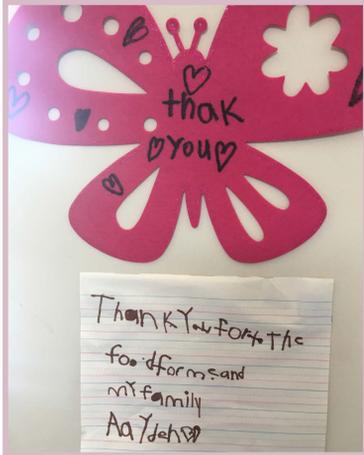
**161 families served restaurant meals weekly**

## Shout Out to our Community Partners

- > BRAWS (providing women's hygiene products)
- > Cornerstones (providing bi-weekly food donations)
- > LINK (partnering to provide food to those in need)
- > FLORIS United Methodist Church (food storage space, food donations, financial donation)
- > SEVA Food Services/Truck (provides weekly food to COVID families)
- > Kingdom Blessings (providing Giant Pea Pod food deliveries, hygiene products, cash donations and adopting a family for groceries)

## Needs/Partnerships

We are currently looking for ways to continue to deliver hot food to more families each week. We are also looking for possible ways to expand and continue serving our community with basic needs after the pandemic. We continue to need non-perishables, fresh food on Wednesdays, cleaning supplies, toiletries, paper products, paper bags, and summer activities for kids. If you or someone you know wants to partner with us, please contact us via email at the following address: [info@shebelievesinme.org](mailto:info@shebelievesinme.org).



## Newsworthy

She Believes in Me was recently selected by the Centerville/Chantilly Rotary Club to receive the annual Community Service Award for outstanding work. Each year they choose an organization whose work exemplifies the theme "Service Above Self."

## Donors

In addition to our amazing donations from so many people who support us, we wanted to take time to recognize the following donors:

- > **Floris United Methodist Church** donated \$8,000 and provide our food storage space
- > **The Odeh Family** donated \$500 as well as over the counter medication, masks, gloves for COVID families
- > **Jose Montes & David Fletcher** provide truck in neighborhoods for food donations
- > **The Barsky Family** donated a bike which we sold for \$500 that went back into SBIM, cash donations, and make the hand sanitizers that we give to all sick families
- > **Cassell's** donated 300 Nike drawstring bags and 300 plastic bags