

# SNACK PACK PROGRAM

*Providing pre-packaged, nutritious snacks to children, ensuring they have access to food outside of school hours.*



Every day, students across the Charlotte area step off their school buses and into a Salvation Army Red Shield Youth Center, where they find a safe, supportive environment. These centers play a vital role in our communities, offering spiritual guidance, educational support, character-building activities, and recreational programs to help families thrive.

Businesses, civic groups, and churches can make a meaningful impact by engaging employees and volunteers in assembling snack packs. Groups can purchase snack items in bulk and organize a packing event, or distribute items for volunteers to assemble individually.



Snack pack items can be found at Walmart, Amazon, and other grocery stores. On the next page, you'll find examples of suitable snacks, which can be adjusted as needed. **Snacks containing peanuts or tree nuts should not be included.**

Once assembly is complete, please contact a drop off location to schedule a time to drop off the donated items.



Don't forget to let us know about your donation through the in-kind donation form!

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Please contact:

Sarah.Gamble@uss.salvationarmy.org with any questions.



# ***How does it work?***

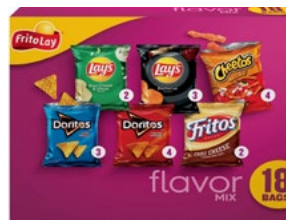
1. Decide how large of a project you would like to complete.  
How many and snack packs you would like to make during your engagement event?  
Think about quality over quantity during your event. Instead of making snack packs quickly, volunteers should take their time and focus on meaningful messages of encouragement to youth members. See attached list for message ideas.
2. Secure the donations. See a sample listing of suggested snack pack items on the next page. Don't forget the brown paper bags, or ziploc bags and note cards if you plan on writing a word of encouragement.
3. Notify your team members and group of your event date.
4. Contact The Salvation Army location to let us know how many you plan on providing and date of drop off.  
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5. Host your event, take pictures and tag The Salvation Army of Greater Charlotte.  
  
Facebook: The Salvation Army of Greater Charlotte  
Instagram: SalvationArmyCLT  
TikTok: TSACHarlotte
6. Complete the online In-Kind Donation form reporting your group's impact to The Salvation Army of Greater Charlotte.

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# Suggested Snack Items

Pick 3-5 items.

If including apple sauce or pudding cups, please include a napkin and utensils.



# ***Example Messages***

You are capable of achieving anything you set your mind to.

Be kind to yourself and others.

Every challenge is an opportunity to become stronger.

Believe in yourself and your ability to succeed.

Try to be your best self, not just in school, but in all areas of your life.

Never give up trying. If you make mistakes, it's okay because we all do.

Making mistakes is a great way to learn.

Follow your dreams regardless of if they seem to be distant. Do your best, and you will reach them. Just wait and see.

Remember that you can do anything you want. You are smart, and I know you will have a great future.

Have faith in yourself because I have faith in you. Good luck to you.

You can do anything if you believe in yourself and your abilities.



# Locations

## **Sedgefield Red Shield Youth Center**

940 Marsh Road  
Charlotte, NC 28209  
(704) 523-0394

Unit Director: Courtney Curry

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## **Belmont Avenue Red Shield Youth Center**

901 Belmont Avenue  
Charlotte, NC 28205  
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Unit Director: Felicia Cohen

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## **The Salvation Army Center of Hope**

Women and Children's Shelter

534 Spratt Street  
Charlotte, NC 28206

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